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[redacted]
Westminster, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 14, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent who expresses a desire to combat the communist threat requests information concerning the Patrick Henry League and the John Birch Society. Correspondent enclosed a leaflet distributed by the Patrick Henry League on the subject of mental health. This pamphlet expresses strong opposition to mental health programs as they exist in the United States today.

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The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

The Patrick Henry League has not been the subject of an investigation by the Bureau. Bureau files reveal that this organization has as its stated purpose an active war against communist ideas and goals.

Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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Sept 14, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am giving out leaflets from The Patrick Henry League. I will enclose one. People say they are put out by the communists. I checked with the president and he said he was a Catholic and I know from what they say in these pamphlets that it isn't Communist as I have read many HUAC reports and your book "Masters of Deceit" and material Congressman Walters sent me. You get so you recognize names and what they stand for. I would also like to check the John Birch society. They put out some pretty strong stuff in The American Opinion magazine. I have heard of Alfred Kohlberg and Clarence Manion as great fighters against communism and of course know Mr. Adolphe Menjou as a fine gentleman. I have seen him on TV out here. I don't want to support anything that isn't for America and I don't know how I can check these organizations.

Yours truly,

/s/ [redacted]

Westminster, Calif.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

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Yours truly,

Mrs. [redacted]

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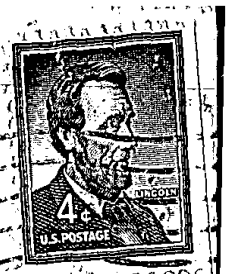

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THE PATRICK HENRY LEAGUE

Compromise with injustice is the lowest form of tyranny.

September, 1960 — Subject: Mental Health

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ITS AIMS

Our Mental Health program is principally financed from the three-billion dollar budget of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW). What are the purposes of the Mental Health program and its champions? "By their works you shall know them." The aims are to turn America Freudian and to gain extraordinary control over the American people via moral disarmament.

Our own tax money is used by DHEW to tell us that religious inhibitions must be shed when they disturb the personality, that those who see a threat from internal subversion are often "paranoid," that children subconsciously hate their parents, that most feelings of guilt must be driven off as the result of unworthy external conditioning, etc., etc. The entire Freudian ethic constitutes a religion, or an anti-religion, and it might be properly suggested that the present DHEW Mental Health adventure is in violation of separation of Church and State.

Certainly, everyone regards mental soundness as a blessing. But, it does not follow that everyone must regard Freud as a hero or must consider justified the granting of absolute power to the Freudians.

ITS METHODS

"Ring the bell for Mental Health." The drive is on to have us all hoist our ids high on the flagstaff of One Worldism for the champions of bureaucratic, internationalistic centralism to cure us of religion and patriotism. Benevolent reticence on our part presents a challenge to the Mental Health people. So, they turn to school children.

Children are less likely to take exception to the importunities of the Freudians and are more apt to accept without challenge their doctrine of moral weakness. Questionnaires and pamphlets pour into our schools, therefore. The questionnaires have their inquiries phrased in such a way as to suggest certain attitudes and conclusions to the students. The pamphlets are elementary courses in Freudian psychology.

When we attack the school questionnaires, we are NOT fighting valid I.Q. or Aptitude Tests. Rather we are opposing so-called Psychological Testing in the schools. These psychological research surveys, with their probing inquiries, are very similar to those used on children by the Reds in North Korea and China. It is time to inform every student that he should not answer any questionnaires including references to religion, home life, sex attitudes, political exposure, and the like. It is time to inform every parent that unauthorized psychological tests are illegal. Experimental probes into the minds and souls of our children are dangerous; especially so when we consider the moral policies of those who formulate the questions and accumulate the information. When young people fill out these tests, they expose themselves to Freudian inferences and they supply all the information necessary to an enemy planning to brainwash a generation.

An example of the Mental Health pamphlets designed to "help" our young people is "How to Live With Parents" by Gladys Gardner Jenkins and Joy Neuman. It is one of many published and distributed by Science Research Associates, Chicago. This pamphlet tells students that they must not feel guilty over the urge to rebel against parental authority: "Revolt against parental ties and authority is a very natural thing for young people, and a healthy sign that they are beginning to mature."

After reading all the solutions given to young rebels — "understand the problem," "talk things over," "adjust to the situation" — we can only wonder what happened to the best solution of all, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

"How to Tell Your Children About Sex" by James L. Hymes of the California Society for Mental Hygiene has been distributed to parents at P.T.A. meetings. This gem of Mental Health advises that pre-school (ages 2 to 5) children be given complete descriptions of the procreative act. And it concludes, "You may worry that, once children know, they will want to play out intercourse. Some experimentation may go on ... some trying out is a very human characteristic." God's Commandments have some answers to this, too, but we hesitate to quote least they take us all away for shock treatments.

The great subversion of American morals is being intensified. Children are the victims, we are the financiers, and Mental Health is the front organization.

ITS HISTORY

Hon. Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota spoke in the House of Representatives on June 13, 1957. He quoted a speech of the late head of the Russian Secret Police, Lavrenti P. Beria. Speaking at Lenin University to a class of "American," Communist psychiatrists, Beria advised: "You must labor until we have dominion over the minds and bodies of every important person in your nation. You must achieve such disrepute for the state of insanity and such authority over its pronouncement that not one statesman so labeled could again be given credence by his people. You must work until suicide arising from mental imbalance is common and calls forth no general investigation or remark."

Thus, Mental Health did its part when Povl Bang-Jensen was found dead on November 26, 1959, in a Long Island park. Two New York psychiatrists volunteered the information the next day that Bang-Jensen was depressed and showed suicidal tendencies. In 1957, Bang-Jensen had written in a memorandum, "...(the Reds) might have decided that it is necessary to risk having me disappear out the window, or similarly, in 'a fit of depression' ...under no circumstances would I ever commit suicide." Notwithstanding the assurances of Povl Bang-Jensen, the psychiatrists succeeded in having their theory popularly accepted.

A more obvious example of the workings of the enemy through Mental Health is found in the story of Robert A. Winston, Captain, U.S.N.R., who wrote a book, *The Pentagon Case*, under the pen-name of "Colonel Victor J. Fox." While employed as a Special Assistant on the staff of former Under Secretary of the Navy Thomas A. Gates, Winston came upon clear evidence of collusion with known Communists by senior U.S. officers on active duty. He submitted a report on his findings. Winston was fired and contradicted, but not until an Assistant to Mr. Gates had tried to hide him under a Mental Health blanket.

The Assistant Secretary called Winston into his office and told him solicitously: "You've been under a great strain lately, and we want to help you. The Navy's Surgeon General, Admiral Hagan, is waiting outside in my car. He'll personally go with you to Bethesda Naval Hospital where you will receive the finest medical treatment they can provide." The offer was turned down, of course. The Surgeon General had never even seen Capt. Winston. Yet, he called on the Captain's brother and diagnosed the psychiatric condition. It was an attempt to have Robert Winston's brother sign commitment papers; the attempt failed. This whole affair was aired before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. (The Subcommittee counsel had cautioned Winston: "Don't go near Bethesda Naval Hospital under any circumstances. If you do, they will 'railroad' you.")

During the TV hearings in which the late Sen. McCarthy opposed the Pentagon and Sherman (Goldfine) Adams, the fighting Senator tried to visit Gen. Lawton of Fort Monmouth who was a patient at Bethesda. He was told that the General was under a *mental strain* and could not be seen. Sen. McCarthy himself later died at the Naval Hospital. It was an untimely death, as was that of Sec't. of Defense James Forrestal, in the same institution.

The history written by the Mental Health crowd has been one of subversion of truth, disregard for human rights, and repeated association with Communist causes.

OUR CONCLUSIONS

We do not say that government has no right to be concerned with the mental welfare of its people. We do say that the U.S. government has no right to allow DHEW to apply tax money for fostering of a philosophy that represents nothing in our traditional way of life.

We do not say that parents should run our schools. We do say that schools should TEACH

and avoid the temptation to psychoanalyze students individually or collectively.

We do not say that all psychiatrists are subversives. We do say that those doctors dedicated to curing the mentally ill should hasten to disavow the Left-wing policies and ulterior motives so obviously pursued by many of their state and national organizations.

We do not say that Povl Bang-Jensen committed suicide. We do say that he was murdered.

We do not say that present Sec't. of Defense Gates is a Red agent. We do say that various past actions on his part require lucid, honest explanations if he wishes to command the public's respect and trust once again.

We do not say that Bethesda Naval Hospital is crawling with subversives. We do say that it is a sensative spot and a fine-tooth investigative comb would be a wholesome thing. (Only lice fear a fine-tooth comb).

We do not say the present Mental Health program has a few defects. We do say the whole program is riddled with dangerous faults serving the purposes of world communism.

OUR PROGRAM

Mental Health fund-drives have great popular support. Repeat the truth about what it is. Disenchant the public.

Attend P.T.A. meetings and suggest that a copy of all non-curricular tests given students be made available for the parents to review. If the motion is not carried, organize a group of parents, enlighten them, and make the proposal a fighting goal. (25¢ a copy: "Christian Guidance vs. Secularism," a critical analysis of psychological methods currently used in schools. Addressed to Catholics, but of universal interest and value. Order from The Wanderer, 128 E. Tenth St., St. Paul 1, Minn.)

Hon. Edgar Hiestand, California Republican, has introduced a bill which calls for Congressional investigation of Mental Health programs. Write to him at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C., in support of this bill, H. Con. Res. 145.

Read and pass along these books: *Brainwashing* by Edward Hunter and *The Freudian Ethic* by Richard LaPiere.

FOOTNOTES

Deputy Commissioner of Mental Hygiene in New York State is Hyman Forstenzer, who was identified as a Communist Party member in a June, 1956 report of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

Last year, a New York teen-aged drug addict died of hepatitis and the M.D.'s theorized that the condition was introduced into the body by a hypodermic needle. Sen. McCarthy died of hepatitis and he had received many injections at Bethesda. This is admittedly far-fetched, but no more so than the Liberal's conclusion that, since hepatitis may be caused by alcoholism, the Senator drank himself to death.

We might turn waggish with Liberal defenders of Mental Health programs and tell them they see mentally disturbed children under every bed and imagine that our government has card-carrying schizophrenics in high places. "We like the Mental Health people but we can't approve of their methods." No, that will not do for a motto; we don't even like the Mental Health people.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the newly formed Textbook Evaluation Committee should write Operation Textbook, America's Future, 542 Main St., New Rochelle, N.Y. This major project is designed to rid high school textbooks of misleading propaganda and to offer objective, professional, documented evaluations of specific books to teachers, parents and the general public.

Copies of this leaflet are available at 30 for a dollar or 200 for five dollars, all postpaid. A variety of monthly leaflets and an invitation to join us will be sent free on request. Permission is hereby granted to quote all or part of our material provided credit (League name and Address) is given.

E.J. Canavan, *Pres.* — P.K. McCauley, *Vice-Pres.* — B.T. Lardner, *Sec'y-Treas.*

THE PATRICK HENRY LEAGUE
Box 383, Main Post Office
Yonkers, N.Y.

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September 29, 1960

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Temple, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 23, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are maintained as confidential in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

An organization has recently come to my attention which calls itself "The John Birch Society".

I would like to know if you are familiar with this organization, and if so, for how long have you known it. I am particularly interested in finding out if the aims and activities of this organization are compatible with the welfare of the United States.

Thank you for any information you can give me.

Yours truly,

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September 28, 1960

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Lubbock, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter postmarked September 20, 1960, concerning my report, "Communist Target--Youth."

The thought prompting you to write is appreciated, and I want to thank you for your generous comments regarding the FBI. Enclosed is some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th CP USA Convention and 3/60 LEB Introduction
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with Mrs. [redacted]

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over

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various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

TRUE COPY

[redacted]
Lubbock, Texas
Sept 10, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter in appreciation for your excellent work for the United States as Director of the F.B.I. Your constant alertness has kept our country awake. I am writing to Mr. [redacted] to get a copy of the pamphlet Communist Target-Youth. Without your knowledge and ability this would not have been so good. I am very anxious to read it and pass it on to several of my family and friends.

I am sure by now that you have received many other letters of this kind and hope that you will receive many more. For I am a member of the John Birch Society and am glad to let you know that I am-as just an ordinary citizen as I am, you may realize that this is something that we can do to help save our America.

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We are so thankful that we have someone like you to gather such excellent information. I do not expect an answer to this letter. I had rather know that your time would be spent gathering more information.

Thanks for being a true American.

I am-

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Dear Mr Hoover;

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I am sure by now that you have received many other letters of this kind and hope that you will receive many more. For I am a member of the John Birch Society and am glad to let you know that I am. As just an ordinary citizen am, you may realize that this is something that we can do to help save our America.

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We are so thankful that we have someone like you to gather such excellent information. I do not expect an answer to this letter. I had rather know that your time would be spent gathering more information.

Thanks for being a true American.

Sam -

Sincerely,

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 22, 1960, has been received.

You may be interested in contacting the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., to obtain a list of those organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General of the United States. It may be possible for you to locate a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" in your local library.

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Enclosed is an item which was not available at the time of my letter of August 23, 1960.

Sincerely yours,

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SEP 30 1960
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
One Nation's Response to Communism, 9-60

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that Mrs. [redacted] furnished some information regarding the John Birch Society to the El Paso Office on 8-18-60. Bufiles also indicate that we corresponded with her by letter dated 8-23-60 and forwarded her some communist literature and advised her we could not evaluate the

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the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society is headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and the group is anticommunist, and the field has been requested by SAC letter to furnish any information obtained regarding the organization.

John Birch Society

[redacted]
Midland, Texas
September 22, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your materials on communism in this country. In answer to my inquiries about subversion and subversive organizations, you referred me to "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" which could be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents. My check has been returned with a statement indicating that this pamphlet is permanently out of stock.

Is there any way a citizen can be informed of subversive organizations and individuals? It is impossible to fight an enemy which can't be identified.

I will appreciate any information obtainable on these subjects.

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October 4, 1960

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The Welch Grape Juice Company, Inc.
Westfield, New York

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 27, 1960, and appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization; therefore, I am unable to answer your specific inquiries.

I can advise you, however, that this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the individual you mentioned, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of his activities by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles show limited cordial correspondence with Mr. [redacted] Robert Welch, operator of Welch Grape Juice Company, Inc., founded the John Birch Society in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter

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60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Bufiles indicate we have had very cordial relations with Dr. George S. Benson, President of Harding College, Searcy, Ark., who has been an outspoken admirer of the Bureau. We have not investigated the National Education Program with which he is connected.

Welch's

THE WELCH GRAPE JUICE COMPANY, INC.

WESTFIELD, NEW YORK

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September 27, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are using materials in an information program about communism supplied to us by the National Education Program of Searcy, Arkansas, of which Dr. George S. Benson is president.

At the earliest possible time, will you please give us your personal appraisal of the National Education Program and of Dr. Benson? We would also appreciate having your opinion of the film strip produced by the National Education Program entitled, "Communism on the Map."

Sincerely,

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[redacted]
Medford, Oregon

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Thank you very much for your letter of September 24, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: No record could be ascertained in Bufiles for Mr. Howard.

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Members of the Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write the Director these letters of congratulations.

[redacted]
Medford, Oregon
September 24, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Gratitude, is less than adequate to describe the feeling we must harbor toward you, and your organization for your past, and recently, in particular for your report to the House Un-American Activities Committee concerning the communist attempts to capture our American youth!

A reply from you is not expected, I know, however, we are thankful for your help. This help is priceless because of its marvelous reflection of the truth, which in this case is a terrible load to act upon, but frightfully less of a burden than the impending slavery.

I speak as a creature of God, who will be held accountable for his actions; As an American Citizen with further responsibilities, and as a member of the John Birch Society which may prove to be a powerful means of fulfilling the latter.

Thank you Sir

/s/ [redacted]

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Medford, Oregon
September 24, 1960

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Thank you Sir

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Dallas, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

It was certainly kind of you to write me on September 26, 1960, regarding my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth."

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I deeply appreciate your generous comments about the pamphlet, and your expression of confidence in the FBI is most reassuring. I am enclosing some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with Mr. [redacted]

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[redacted]
Dallas, Texas

Sept 26, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, FBI
Wash. , D. C.

Mr. Hoover--

I have heard that you and your staff did a wonderful job in bringing out the information for the House Un-American Activities Committee in their recent pamphlet "Communist Target--Youth". b6 b7C

I have heard a good deal about this pamphlet and the events that happened at San Francisco. I'm looking forward to a study of this pamphlet when it arrives from my Congressman, Bruce Alger.

As a very concerned citizen and also a member of the John Birch Society, I wish to thank you personally for your constant fight against the Communist schemes that seem to be all around us.

Please keep up the good work and maybe, with God's help, more Americans will wake up before it is too late.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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John Birch Society -

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Hartland, Wisconsin

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 28, 1960, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. Our files are maintained as confidential by a regulation of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that our files do or do not contain data relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Sept. 28, 1960

Dear Sirs:

I would like your opinion and facts on the John Birch Society. Is it really a very good anti-communist organization? Also, what is known about Robert Welch, its leader?

Thank you,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Hartland, Wis.

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San Diego, California

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of September 29, 1960, has been received.

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While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of it by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE CONTINUED..... Welch reportedly has stated that the Society may take on the appearance of a front organization in order to attract true subversives. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.

[redacted]
San Diego, Calif.

29 September 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate any information that you may have concerning the activities, either American or un-American, of the John Birch Society, Belmont, Mass.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
The Hill Realty Company
63 Powhatan Avenue
Columbus 4, Ohio

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 27, 1960, and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, it is not possible for me to comment on the affirmative statement regarding communist influence set forth in your letter since I am not aware of the full context of the speaker's remarks. Certainly, it is true that the world-wide communist movement is zealous in its desire to increase its influence in our affairs and seeks every opportunity to further its ambitions. Its lack of success in the United States is directly attributable to the effectiveness of our internal security programs and determined opposition of our patriotic organizations and churches as well as the steadfast loyalty of American citizens in all walks of life.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material concerning the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CP, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target - Youth

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with [redacted] "American Opinion" is published at irregular intervals by Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. This organization is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches in various parts of the country. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and requests that any information concerning its activities be forwarded to the Bureau. It is not believed appropriate to give direct answer to [redacted] inquiry, and general statements in this letter are adequate.

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The HILL Realty Company
HOMES ○ FARMS ○ BUSINESSES ○ INSURANCE
63 POWHATAN AVE. COLUMBUS, OHIO BR. 4-7317

To Circle Society

September 27, 1960.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D. C.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Today, I had the privilege of viewing a film showing the riots of Last May at the HCUA hearings in San Francisco.

The man who presented the films made a statement that seemed to shock many of the people at this gathering.

He stated that the communist influence in the United States now amounts to from 40 to 60 per cent. He gleaned this information from a booklet "American Opinion" edited by Robert Welch. No loc.

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My purpose in writing to you is simply to ask if you are in a position to verify the above figure.

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Yours very sincerely,

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Hill Realty Co.,
63 Powhatan Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio

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October 6, 1960

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Tigard 23, Oregon

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of September 26, 1960, concerning my report entitled "Communist Target--Youth," has been received.

It was good of you to comment as you did concerning the pamphlet, and it was kind of you to inform me of the efforts of the citizens in your area in combating the atheistic evil of communism. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you. Your offer to be of service is most reassuring.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB and 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] She indicates she is a member of the John Birch Society.

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NOTE (Continued): administration. SAC letter 60-5 brought this organization to the attention of the field and instructed them to furnish any information concerning the Society's activities to the Bureau.

Members were instructed in their monthly publication to write these letters of congratulations to the Director.

[redacted]

September 26, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
F.B.I. Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

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Sir:

I wish to thank you for your dedication to our country and its citizens.

I have recently obtained copies of your report, "Communist Target-Youth", and I consider it a superb report. I have seen the film "Operation Abolition" and your report supplements the shocking evidence clearly visible in the film.

Our P.T.A. is going to show the film in January and I hope to have enough copies of your report by then to circulate to all of its members. Despite the continuous efforts being made to discredit you and the F.B.I. I am confident most people will be more deeply aroused by the action in the film after reading your report on it.

As a member of the John Birch Society I am at your service. If you have any advice or task for us please feel free to contact us.

With deep respect,

Mrs. [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 10/6/60

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 10/2/88 #276590

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-0-26862)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9/29/84 BY SP6 BDA/mke

Remylet to Bureau, 2/2/60, captioned "ROBERT H. WELCH, JR., INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)."

On 9/9/60 [redacted] Wheeling, W.Va., whose identity should be concealed, advised SA WARNER G. MAUPIN that a week or so before that a Mr. [redacted] at Hoge-Davis Drug Store, Main St., Wheeling, W.Va., inquired about a room in the City-County Bldg, at Wheeling, for a meeting of the John Birch Society, and extended an invitation to him to attend; that he named a group of people who were supposed to be nationally known who were members of the Society, the only one of which he could recall was ADOLPH MENJOU; that Mr. [redacted] said it was an anti-Communist organization to acquaint the American people with the peril facing them; that he said he had also invited Judge MC KEE of the Ohio County Intermediate Court to attend as well as a couple of Wheeling City Councilmen; and that he referred Mr. [redacted] to Judge MC KEE for use of his court room for the meeting which was to be held some time the following week.

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On 9/15/60 Mr. [redacted] advised that the meeting was held in the Intermediate Court Room on 9/14/60, but he did not attend.

On 9/15/60 Mrs. [redacted] Wheeling, W.Va., who is a prominent clubwoman in the city and who has previously contacted this office on several occasions to furnish nonspecific information, advised SA MAUPIN that she had attended a meeting of the JOHN BIRCH Society in the Intermediate Court Room in the Wheeling City-County Bldg, on 9/14/60, which was not public and attended by invitation to about 100 people of some prominence in clubs, PTAs, and other city groups. She said the meeting was ostensibly anti-Communist and Mr. [redacted] was the Chairman and introduced a DOUG HEINSON of Seviersville, Tennessee, as the main speaker. She also advised that Mrs. DOROTHY FRANKSTEN, Wheeling, National President of the Minute Women of America, seemed to be one of the promoters of the Society. She said THOMAS SWEENEY,

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prominent insurance man of Wheeling and unsuccessful candidate for the U. S. Senate, was another person present. She said she joined the Society as did several others and received some literature. She said she had joined the Society in good faith with the understanding that it was not un-American in any way and was actually anti-Communist.

The Wheeling City Directory lists a [redacted], Wheeling, as [redacted] of the Hoge-Davis Drug Co., Wheeling. It is noted [redacted] was formerly an admitted follower of WILLIAM DUDLEY REILLEY and was subject of investigation by this Bureau in 1941.

On 9/19/60 [redacted] former NA from Wellsburg, W.Va., and presently in charge of [redacted] at Wheeling Steel Corp's plant at Yorksville, Ohio, telephonically contacted the Wheeling, W.Va. RA and made an inquiry concerning "The John Birch Society." He stated that invitations were sent out to residents in this area to attend a meeting of this organization in the City-County Building, Wheeling, on 9/14/60. He said that he was one of approximately 100 persons who attended this meeting. He said that many of the more prominent residents of this area attended the meeting, including Judge MC KEE.

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[redacted] said that the meeting was presided over by a young man whose identity he did not learn. He said that the Communist Party and its functions were discussed and the purpose of the meeting was to form a local chapter of the society to combat Communism and its underground activities. He said that applications were furnished those in attendance. He asked if he should execute an application in order that he might follow the activities of this organization and he was told that this was up to him, that this Bureau could not advise him one way or the other.

On 9/26/60 Mrs. [redacted] advised that she had received a membership card showing that she was a member of Chapter 20 of the John Birch Society and that the Chapter leader was [redacted] Wellsburg, W.Va. She said she was told that she would be notified of the next meeting. She said she would advise this office of any further developments in connection with her membership in this Society.

The above is submitted for information. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

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October 7, 1960

Mr. [redacted]
Cushman, Oregon

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your telegram of October 6, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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PLEASE SEND EVALUATION OF ANTI COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY BELMONT MASS. REPLY TO [redacted] CUSHMAN OREGON

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cc: Mr. DeLoach

October 7, 1960

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La Grange, Illinois

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 BSM/mre

Dear Mrs.

Your letter of September 30, 1960, has been received. It was good of you to inform me of the efforts of some of the citizens in your area in combating the menace of communism. I am enclosing some information on this subject which may be of interest to you.

While I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret I am unable to answer your inquiry and hope you will not infer in this connection that we either do or do not have related data in our files.

Sincerely yours,

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
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Mrs. [redacted] 10-6-60

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to Mrs. [redacted] Surname spelling verified by telephone directory.

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[redacted]
La Grange, Ill.
Sept. 30, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I recently attended a seminar, "Education for American Security" held at Glenview Naval Air Base, Ill. and was more concerned than ever with the need for patriotic Americans to become better informed and to act against growing Communism in this country.

After seeking a way to organize and coordinate our efforts in order to be more effective, a group of us in this area were made aware of just such an organization already in existence. It is called The John Birch Society and was founded by Robert Welch in December, 1958.

I am sure that the FBI is well informed on all such organizations, and I would appreciate, at your earliest possible convenience, your stamp of approval, if possible --- if not, then your honest appraisal of it. We are anxious to serve our country to the best of our ability, and feel the need to reverse the trend towards Communism.

Yours truly,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I recently attended a seminar, "Education for American Security" held at Glenview Naval Air Base, Ill. and was more concerned than ever with the need for patriotic Americans to become better informed and to act against growing Communism in this country.

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After seeking a way to organize and coordinate our efforts in order to be more effective, a group of us in

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this area were made aware of just such an organization already in existence. It is called The John Birch Society and was founded by Robert Welch in December, 1958.

I am sure that the FBI is well informed on all such organizations, and I would appreciate, at your earliest possible convenience, your stamp of approval, if possible — if not, then your honest appraisal of it. We are anxious to serve our country to the best of our ability, and feel the need to reverse the trend towards Communism.

Yours truly,

Mrs. [redacted]

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AIR MAIL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
9th & Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington
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VIA AIR MAIL

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated October 1, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information of the type you desire in our files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist group with branches throughout the U. S. Its head, Robert Welch, has bitterly denounced the Eisenhower administration in the past, and our field offices have been alerted to following the activities of the John Birch Society.

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[redacted]
Newport, Oregon

Dear Sir.

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I have some friends that are interested in "The John Birch Society". They are talking like communists to me. They have not joined this organization yet and I would like to know about it before they do so I could talk to them if it is red backed.

Thank you

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Newport, Oregon

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Newport, Oregon

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La Marque, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of October 2, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Oct. 2, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

An organization entitled "The Blue Book of The John Burch Society" is seeking members in our town. They claim to be fighting the communistic trend in todays society.

In view of the fact that it is hard for the average person to know what group is good or bad, I am seeking information from you.

Would this be a good organization to join to help keep my country free of communism and perpetuate American ideals?

I will appreciate your answer.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

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Oct. 2, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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I will appreciate your answer

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Very truly yours

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Dickinson, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 2, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, may I point out that information in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential and available for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you have requested. I am returning the pamphlet which you forwarded with your communication, and enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)
correspondent's enclosure
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a pamphlet which has come to the Bureau's attention in the past from the Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., Hollywood, California. This group is allegedly anticommunist and has been responsible for the distribution of anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. Myron C. Fagan, National Director, has in the past attempted to use the Director's name in furtherance of his programs, and it has been necessary on several occasions to contact him and request that he refrain from mentioning the FBI in any manner. (62-87267) The John Birch Society is an anticommunist group headed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. Correspondent's name could not be verified in telephone directory and no record Bufiles re [redacted] b6 b7C

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October 2, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just finished reading a reprint of your article "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality". I am rereading your book "Masters of Deceit".

As a member of the John Birch Society, headed by Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, I have lately become more aware of the internal as well as the external threat facing our nation.

I recently received this phamplet in the mail from Congressman James B. Utt. I know we have an extremely serious situation but I do not believe we can go "hog wild" about it or adopt the methods of our Communist "peace lovers". If it is not prohibited could you let me know about the Cinema Educational Guild and the people listed on this sheet? I have very little doubts about such people as Stanley Kramer and Frank Sinatra but are the others merely misguided dupes or could it be worse?

Very truly yours,

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Dickinson, Texas

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Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated September 30, 1960, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

Although I would like to be of service, I must inform you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to answer your inquiries and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have in our files the specific information you desire.

In view of your interest, I am forwarding publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (7)
God and Country or Communism?
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's Statement Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 3-26-47
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Enclosures cont'd:

Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Correspondent not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anti-communist group having chapters throughout the country. Its Head, Robert Welch, has bitterly denounced President Eisenhower, and our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities.

Frequent inquiries are received concerning Moral Re-Armament, and nothing subversive concerning it appears in our files. Usually we state in response to such inquiries that we have not investigated the group, but in view of Mrs. [redacted] request also concerning the John Birch Society, above reply is being forwarded.

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September 30, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am as much of an anti-communist as there is around this country, but we find we are being bombarded on all sides by anti-communist literature.

Since you are and have been doing such a wonderful job for our country, I feel you are the one to turn to for a true answer on just what is the situation in regard to these societies. Are they really anti-communist or are they communist Fronts.

The ones in question are

1) The John Birch Society
Belmont, Mass.

2) Ideology and Co-Existence
Moral Re-Armament
640 Fifth Ave. N. Y. C.

Would appreciate any information you can give me on these two organizations.

Are they worthwhile and effective in combating communism or are they actually communist Front?

Thank you and May God bless you in your good work.

Respectfully,

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Norwalk, Conn.

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Respectfully,
Joan Snyder

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Norwalk, Conn.

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Columbus 14, Ohio

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is confidential due to the regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the organization or the individual you mentioned.

In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent wrote to the Bureau in September, 1960, as a member of the John Birch Society commending the Director on the booklet "Communist Target--Youth." She was thanked for her comments by letter of 9-19-60. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. SAW:elw/mem (3)

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Enclosures:

Breaking The Communist Spell
The Communist Are After Our Minds
"How To Fight Communism"
Communist Party, USA
Struggle On A New Plane
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in The United States?
God and Country or Communism

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Oct 4, 1960

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The questions I am about to ask may be classified information which you can't answer. However, I am so troubled that I feel I must turn to you as the only completely honest and clear-thinking person in this whole crazy, mixed up world!

Because I have, for years, been concerned about the communist situation in this country, I was ready when my doctor [redacted] invited me to a meeting of the John Birch Society to hear a film talk by Robert Welch. I was

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So impressed with their out-spoken dedication to fighting Communism that I joined The Society. The first thing we were asked to do was to write you a letter congratulating you for the excellent job you did in writing the article "Communist Target - Youth: That - I was happy to do - also to write to our Congressman, Sam Devine, asking for copies of the article, etc.

The information we have received from the John Birch Society and the letters we've been asked to write have all seemed the sort of thing I've been wanting to hear and do.

Now however I'm completely appalled to receive the latest bulletin from the J.B.S. in which Robert Welch states —

" Dag Hammarskjold is one of the most contemptible agents of the Kremlin ever to be supported by the American Taxpayers".

Mr. Hoover can you possibly tell me your opinion of the John Birch Society, Mr. Robert Welch and their statement about Dag Hammarskjold ??? I am anxious to do anything possible to aid in the fight against communism in our country but how can I be

Sure who to listen to and believe in these days?

If you've read this far I thank you

Sincerely,

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Columbus 14, Ohio

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Oct 4, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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Columbus 14, Ohio

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Mr. [redacted]
Attorney at Law
Route 2
Sevierville, Tennessee

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of September 19, 1960, which was also signed by your wife. The thought prompting you to write me concerning my report, "Communist Target--Youth," is appreciated.

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It was kind of you to comment as you did regarding the pamphlet, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous remarks concerning this Bureau. I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning Mr. [redacted] and no references to his wife.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the Country. Welch has been quite critical of President

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Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructions to furnish any information concerning the organization's activities to the Bureau.

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[redacted]
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ROUTE 2
SEVIERVILLE, TENN.

September 19,1960.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a citizen, a member of the American Legion, and of the John Birch Society, I feel that it is not only a duty, but a privilege to attempt to express to you some measure of the appreciation which you so richly deserve for your Bureau's efficient and unflagging war against the Communist infiltration of our American institutions.

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You are particularly to be congratulated upon the good work of your staff in digging out the facts leading to the publication of the House Un-American Activities Committee's report: "Communist Target-Youth."

My wife, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, joins in expressing our appreciation for your excellent work.

No acknowledgement of this letter is expected.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs [redacted] Sevierville Tenn

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Mr. [redacted]
Jennings, Strouss, Salmon and Trask
Sixth Floor
Title and Trust Building
Phoenix, Arizona

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 7, 1960, concerning my report entitled, "Communist Target--Youth," has been received.

It was good of you to write and comment as you did concerning the pamphlet, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous remarks as I found this expression of confidence to be most reassuring. I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which you may find to be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

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Letter to Mr. [redacted] 10-14-60 b6 b7C

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent and we have had no previous correspondence with him. It is apparent that he is a member of the John Birch Society.

It is noted that members of the John Birch Society were instructed in their monthly publication to write letters of congratulations to the Director concerning his report, "Communist Target--Youth." The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches throughout the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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October 7, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I add my congratulations on your excellent report on Communist activity and assure you that in the opinion of the members of our John Birch Society there is no greater American living today than you.

We recognize the desperate fight we are all going to have to make against this Communist menace and are most appreciative that you are dedicating your life in this fine service.

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Yours very sincerely,

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Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 11, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can tell you, however, that this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired. Therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you. Please do not infer that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization.

May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material dealing with that subject which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Letter to Mr. [redacted] 10-18-60 b6 b7C

ATTENTION SAC: 458

Advise your personnel to offer this type of answer when an individual inquires about subversive lists.

Enclosures (5)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist organization formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The field has been alerted to the activities of this organization and have been requested to furnish any information concerning activities to the Bureau. We have conducted no investigation regarding the group.

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insurance loans bonds
325-34 amarillo building · DR 4-0355
post office box 1149 · amarillo, texas

October 11, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

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I was recently approached by a doctor in our city to attend a meeting of a group of individuals in the doctor's home. The group called themselves a chapter of the John Birch Society. From what I have been able to find out about this John Birch Society, they are staunch Conservatives, who are dedicated to preventing further centralization of the Federal Government and combating the threats of communism and preserving our American heritage--freedom.

Unlike too many Americans, I am greatly concerned with the Communist threat to our national security and am anxious to do whatever I can to fight this movement. After reading your book, Masters of Deceit, I have a better understanding of the problems we face and direct your attention to your discussion on page 241 of Communist-front organizations and how they may be detected.

Until I was approached by this doctor, I had not heard of the John Birch Society and its founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. After attending a meeting and reading some of their literature, I wanted to know more about this organization before joining this group. I made a personal visit to our local F. B. I. office to inquire about the people who are backing the society and their loyalty to our country. The agents were very considerate but not very helpful. They said that they had heard of such a movement starting here but knew nothing about it. Mr. Hoover, they didn't even have a list of un-American organizations in their office. I did find a loyalty oath form dated 1956 at the Naval Reserve. It is my understanding that the John Birch Society has only been in operation for a little over two years.

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Please advise me at your earliest convenience as to the position the Federal Bureau of Investigation holds in regard to the John Birch Society and Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. If this group is in any way

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subversive, I want to know so that I can advise my friends of the situation before they align themselves with such an organization. Please direct your answer to the following address:

[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

Thank you and the men of your department for your endless vigilance. May God help us to help ourselves.

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Yours respectfully,

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Irving, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 10, 1960, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI. I would also like to advise that I am not a member of this organization.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

Correspondent's address and name could not be clarified by ~~Irving~~ telephone directory check.

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AIRWAYS HOTEL At Midway AH Airport

5433 Cicero Avenue . Chicago 32, Illinois . Ludlow 2-3100

10 - Oct. 1960

Mr. J Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington. D.C.

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 JVB/MR

Dear Sir:

In the past few years I have been increasingly alarmed at the growth and infilitration of Communan in this country. I have recently learned of an oranization dedicated to the removal of this threat called The "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY". and would appreaciate any information you could possibly send me.

Basically I would like to know if is a legitimate - worthwhile organization and if so how can I, as a worried American, Join?
Also I would like to know specifically what this organization has for its goal and how it plans to meet these ends.

Respectfully yours.

/s/ [redacted]

Irving, Texas.

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P.S. I have heard that you are a member yourself -- Is this true?

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CHICAGO Airways Hotel AT MIDWAY AIRPORT

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JOHN BIRCH Society

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I, as a worried American, join?
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Respectfully yours.

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P.S. I have heard that you are a member yourself — Is this true?

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Mr. [redacted]
Swanson and McCord
3107 Dawes Drive
Westmoreland Heights
Dallas 11, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

In response to your request of October 10, 1960, it is a pleasure to enclose a copy of "Expose of Soviet Espionage," together with other reprints on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

With reference to your other inquiry, I must inform you that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can tell you, however, that this Bureau has not investigated the organization about which you inquired. Therefore, I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

Thank you sincerely for your kind message concerning the work being done by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Introduction - 3/60 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
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PHONE ED2-5726

F. V. SWANSON JR.
H. M. MCCORD

SWANSON & MCCORD
OPTOMETRISTS
3107 DAWES DRIVE
WESTMORELAND HEIGHTS
DALLAS 11, TEXAS

October 10, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Walter Winchel, on his T.V. program Sunday night October 9 th, mentioned a pamphlet that could be obtained from your office for the asking. As best I can remember it was entitled, "Soviet Espionage 1960." If I have the correct title I would appreciate one of them.

Secondly, I have recently been invited to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society. Do you have any information on this organization that would help me to decide whether or not to get very involved.

I would also like to express my appreciation to you and your organization for the work it has done for as many years as I can remember.

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United Core, Inc.
Post Office Box 6536
Houston, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of October 14, 1960, and I appreciate the thoughtfulness which prompted you to write. For your information, the FBI has not investigated the organization about which you inquired, and therefore, we can be of no assistance to you on this occasion.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information re the correspondent. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. We have not investigated the organization.

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Petroleum Reservoir Engineering
HOUSTON, TEXAS

October 14, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I was invited last evening to see a movie and hear a talk by the representative in Houston of the John Birch Society. On the surface, it seemed to be an organization which was wholly dedicated to fighting communism in every way possible from the standpoint of Democratic process.

It seemed on the surface to be a worthy organization to join and follow; however, so many unworthy organizations are masked on the surface with good intentions. Several of my neighbors attended this meeting last evening and were interested in the talk in the movie given by a Mr. Robert Welch of Indianapolis.

Before I join this organization, I would like to know from the F. B. I. of whether this Society has been investigated, whether it is a worthy cause and truly anti-communistic.

Will you please send me any information concerning any investigation of this Society as to whether it is a communist front using adroit methods of a membership drive.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 12, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization which you mentioned in your letter has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

May I point out that I have no desire to serve other than in my present capacity as long as I am able. In view of your interest regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material concerning that subject which may be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Oct. 12, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have just joined the John Birch Society and are very impressed.

In trying to get new members, tho, we are constantly asked "Are you sure Mr. Welch and his associates have been investigated and approved by the F.B.I. This may be communism in it's most insidious form."

So I am writing to ask if they have been investigated. And we will appreciate any information you may have.

Mr. Hoover, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you are, and for all you have done, through the F.B.I., for America.

We have talked to a lot of people. And when you say "well, who would you trust." Everyone has said "I trust Mr. Hoover and I trust the F.B.I." And we feel the same way.

Mr. Welch has suggested that we write Mr. Nixon to appoint you Atty. General, if he is elected. Do you want us to do this? Will you be needed there more?

the American people are so anxious to do what is right. But they are confused. If we can trust Mr. Welch & the John Birch Society, this, I think, will help. But people want to be sure.

thank you for reading this. I hope you will have time to answer.

I am just an ordinary wife and mother. But one million of us, going in the right direction, might save America.

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Any help from the F.B.I. on the John Birch Society, or Mr. Welch, or his associates, would be appreciated. I am a dedicated member, but we must grow to be effective.

thank you, again, for everything you have done for what you mean to the American people.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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SAVANNAH, GA.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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Thank you, again, for everything you have done for what you mean to the American people.

Sincerely,

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SAVANNAH, GA.

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EX-140

[redacted]
Midland, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 16, 1960, has been received, and your kind remarks regarding my book are sincerely appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization which you mentioned in your letter has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

In view of your interest regarding the menace of communism, I am sending to you, under separate cover, some material pertaining to that subject.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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God and Country or Communism?
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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist group which was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The Bureau has not conducted any investigation regarding this group.

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Midland, Texas
October 16, 1960

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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Ingram
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing for information regarding The John Birch Society, founded by Mr. Robert Welch in December, 1958.

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of this Society as a guest of the local chapter. After listening to the lecture, viewing the film that was narrated by Mr. Welsh, and studying the literature, it seems apparent that this organization is more than just a discussion group aimed at informing the public of the communist conspiracy, but rather one whose goal is to take definite steps in making their opinions, regarding the constitution and the communist influence in our government, heard in Washington.

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For years I have been deeply concerned about communism in America and have always wanted to take a more active part rather than just being well informed and discussing the problem with others. The John Birch Society may give me this opportunity. However, inasmuch as many communist fronts are in existance throughout the United States, I would not want to be a member of any American organization unless I can be sure of its respectability. The John Birch Society does speak out strongly against some past great Americans, calling them "sleepers", which may well be correct if the organization is as well informed and sincere as it advocates.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would give your opinion of this organization and state whether or not it is one of which an American can be proud to be a member.

May I say that I enjoyed your book "Masters of Deceit" and have encouraged all my friends to give it their immediate attention.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Respectfully yours,

[redacted]

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Tampa (100-91)

October 31, 1960

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Reurlet 10-24-60.

This is to advise that background information concerning Robert H. Welch, Jr., and the John Birch Society was set forth in SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3-10-59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1-26-60.

In the event your office is not in possession of those two SAC Letters, you should so advise and copies will be furnished you. However, in the event your office is in possession of these two SAC Letters you should insure that they are appropriately indexed as to subject matter and content.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/24/60

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (100-91)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Bureau is requested to furnish any information it has re above captioned organization.

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DATE 3/29/74 BY [illegible]

Los Angeles 5, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked October 17, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the subjects of your inquiries, and I am unable to help you. With reference to your question on the subject of the United Nations, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington 25, D. C. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by this Bureau which you may find of interest.

I want to thank you sincerely for your thoughtful expression of confidence in the work being done by the FBI. In connection with the other matter you mentioned, I must inform you that I have no political aspirations since I feel that I can best serve my country in my present capacity.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufile 65-19096-125 mentions one [redacted] Bel-Air, California, who was [redacted] of the Scripps Board of Trustees in 1944. No other pertinent references in locale which might be identical with correspondent's husband or Mrs. [redacted]

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Truly yours,

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Cody, Wyoming

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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Very truly yours

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Dental Building
907 Park Avenue
Hereford, Texas

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
God and Country or Communism?
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist group founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. We have not investigated the group.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Fed. Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

John Birch Society

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Mrs. [redacted]
Naples, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of October 11, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments about the work being done by this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and is not authorized to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Our files are maintained as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relative to the individuals or organizations you mentioned.

With respect to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, its aims and responsibilities and those of the FBI are the same--the protection of the internal security of this Nation. While the methods whereby this goal may be accomplished differ, I feel the work the Committee has performed, and is performing, serves as a guide for sincere groups in this country who are carrying on a militant campaign of exposure of communist activities. For information regarding the Committee's procedures, I suggest you write to it directly at 225 Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

In view of your concern over the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted]

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The organizations and individuals she mentioned are all known to the Bureau and numerous inquiries have been received regarding them. Comments relative to the House Committee were taken from the Director's statement before that body on March 26, 1947.

Enclosures:

How to Fight Communism
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in the United States?*
The Communists Are After Our Minds
Struggle on a New Plane
Don't Be Duped by the Communists!*
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Naples, Texas
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I heartily commend you for your recently published report entitled Communist Target--Youth. Americans need such factual information to awaken them, in time, from the deadly sleep of complacency in the midst of which the Communists are rapidly engulfing our country.

Since I am intensely interested in fighting Communism on every possible front, I have tried to join those organizations which seem most militantly anti-Communist and pro-American. For several years I have been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and I have recently joined the John Birch Society. Do you recommend these organizations as effective instruments in the fight against Communism?

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Since our church is now involved in a controversy over Communist infiltration of religion (our minister says there are no Communists in the Methodist Church to his knowledge and resents any implication of infiltration) I would appreciate any factual information on this subject which you can supply. In addition, and in the same connection, please supply information on the character and activities of the following men:

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I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Very truly yours,
/s/ Mrs. [redacted]
Naples, Texas

Naples, Texas
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Date: 10/24/60

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-New)

SUBJ: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Re Bureau file 62-104401 and SAC letter number 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

On 10/24/60, [redacted] confidentially advised SAs [redacted] and THOMPSON BERRY WEBB that he had been invited to attend a secret organizational meeting at [redacted] known to him as The John Birch Society by a [redacted]

This meeting was held on [redacted] at the home of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] claimed to be a member of the organization at Little Rock, Arkansas.

An individual by the name of AKARD BEALL of Houston, Texas, was at the [redacted] home to organize this organization at [redacted] BEALL was reportedly on his way from some community at or near [redacted] where he had been organizing a chapter of this organization.

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Mrs. [redacted] and BEALL stated the purpose of this organization is to fight Communism.

[redacted] stated that he had asked several pertinent

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questions concerning the purpose, reason and what type work the members of the organization would be expected to do and that BEALL gave him what appeared to be an evasive answer and stated at the appropriate time assignments would be given to each member of the chapter. Mrs. [redacted] stated that this organization was headed by ROBERT H. WELCH, a former candy manufacturer at Belmont, Massachusetts and that he was a narrator on an approximately three hour film on Communism shown at this organizational meeting.

[redacted] advised that there were about 12 people most of them influential people of the [redacted] community that attended this meeting. He stated that [redacted] was the local leader or promoter of this organization at [redacted] He stated that the dues to belong to the organization are $2.00 per month.

[redacted] furnished the following names of people that he observed at this meeting:

[redacted] three other individuals he could not recall at this time. He stated that Mr. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that there is a drive to obtain two million members in this organization and that he believed the headquarters for this organization is located at an unknown address in Alabama. He stated the organization is only about 18 months old. [redacted] advised that there is a chapter of this organization organized at Little Rock, Arkansas, and has had two meetings in the office building of the Faucett Realty Company and that a [redacted] (Ph) is the leader of the organization in Little Rock.

[redacted] described AKARD BEALL as follows:

Name	AKARD BEALL
Address	Houston, Texas
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	38 to 40
Height	5'8"

Weight	160
Hair	Brown, getting bald on top
Eyes	Unknown, wears dark horn-rimmed glasses
Complexion	Dark

[redacted] advised that he was somewhat suspicious of this organization due to the fact that it is secret in nature and that it appeared that only the leading citizens of [redacted], and the key personnel of [redacted] of [redacted] were invited to this organizational meeting. b6 b7C b7D

One copy of this is being furnished to the St. Louis Division and one copy to the Houston Division for information purposes only since instructions in referenced SAC letter stated that no investigation should be conducted.

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Mrs. L. Mendel Rivers
3643 Trinity Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Rivers:

Your letter of October 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of service to you, I thought you might like to know that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, is not permitted to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I can advise you, however, that the organization about which you inquired has not been the subject of investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. She is the wife of Congressman L. Mendel Rivers of CHarleston, South Carolina. We have enjoyed very friendly and cordial relations with Congressman Rivers. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished the Bureau. It has not been investigated by the Bureau.

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3643 Trinity Drive
Alexandria, Virginia
October 6, 1960

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
The U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

/s/ Margaret Rivers
(Mrs. L. Mendel Rivers)

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Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours
Margaret Rivers (Mrs. L. Mendel Rivers)

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- Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, Milwaukee (100-13581)

November 9, 1960

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Director, FBI (62-104401) REC 466

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Reurlet 10-28-60.

The first paragraph, page two, of relet states that one Mrs. [redacted] contacted your office on 9-25-60 stating she was opposed to communism and proposed that she would contact the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress in an effort to place herself on that organization's mailing list, hoping thus to become better acquainted with Communist Party literature and propaganda. It is believed the date of the contact of Mrs. [redacted] is erroneous inasmuch as the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress has been out of existence since 1956.

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You are instructed to advise whether this date is erroneous and, if so, the correct date thereof. In the event the date is correct you should advise under instant case caption together with a statement indicating that the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress has reactivated. Thereafter you should submit a letter under the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress caption advising of its reactivation and your recommendation for further investigation.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/28/60

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (100-13581)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

OO: MILWAUKEE

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ReMilet to Bureau 8/3/60 captioned "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, Milwaukee, Wis., IS-MISCELLANEOUS."

Relet enclosed an article from Milwaukee Journal, a Milwaukee newspaper, 7/31/60, which alleged the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY had a branch in Oshkosh, Wis.

Back issues of Oshkosh Daily Northwestern newspaper of Oshkosh, 9/26/60, for a three month period and subsequent examination of issues of that paper through 10/20/60, by SA [redacted] failed to reflect any activity of an Oshkosh chapter have been reported. It was noted the 8/1/60 issue carried an article referring to above Milwaukee Journal article and also quoted COLA PARKER, Neenah, Wis., former president of National Association of Manufacturers and former Board Chairman of Kimberly-Clark Corp., as having "confirmed today" that he is a member of the advisory council of the Society. He is also quoted as saying, "The purpose of the society, he added, is to combat Communism; to say to Mr. KRUSCHEV he is wrong when he says he's going to buy us." No reference was made in this article to the Oshkosh chapter.

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On 8/23/60 [redacted] of the Oshkosh Public Museum, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH that among members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY are [redacted] Oshkosh. [redacted] Oshkosh, and [redacted] The 1958 Oshkosh City Directory lists [redacted] as [redacted] at Badger Lumber Co., Oshkosh, [redacted] of above address as [redacted] at Ben B. Ganther Co., and [redacted] at the Wisconsin Public Service Co.

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10/28/60

On 9/25/60 one Mrs. [redacted] Oshkosh, Wisconsin, contacted SA [redacted] of the Milwaukee Office, and advised that in her capacity as president of the Twentieth Century Club, a federated women's club in Oshkosh, she as a "hobby" had studied Communism and its activities. She was personally very opposed to Communism. She proposed, however, to contact the Wisconsin Civil Rights Congress in an effort to place herself on that organization's mailing list, hoping thus to become better acquainted with Communist Party literature and propaganda. She did not want such a circumstance to reflect unfavorably on her loyalty as a U. S. citizen.

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Above is for information of Bureau. No active investigation of Oshkosh chapter of instant organization is being conducted.

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[redacted]

Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter of October 21, 1960, has been received, and your concern regarding the evils of communism is certainly understandable. In response to your request, enclosed is a copy of "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."

May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

With regard to the organization you mentioned in your communication, this Bureau has not conducted any investigation of the group. Therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you in this respect. Enclosed is some other material pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to your family and you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The group has not been investigated by the Bureau.

TRUE COPY

October 21, 1960

Gentlemen,

I am greatly concerned with the threat of Communism in my country. As a family we feel we must arm ourselves by being informed.

We have heard the tape on "Brainwashing", a House Un American & seen the film on "The San Francisco Riots." I want my twelve year old son to recognize Communism in any form it may be presented to him.

They (the Communists) are surrounding us geographically & so many Americans seem complacent. If you can send us a list of organizations known to be subversive to you, also the report on the last Communist Convention in this country; we would be grateful.

My husband has heard of the John Birch Society, but we've been unable to get any facts.

Any information you can give us will be appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Very Truly Yours,

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Houston 6, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr [redacted]

Your letter of October 20, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization which you mentioned in your communication. Therefore, I am unable to be of service to you. In view of your concern about the evils of communism, enclosed is some material dealing with that subject which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is alleged to be an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. The Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization.

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TRUE COPY

[redacted]
Houston 6, Texas
October 20, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am contemplating joining The John Birch Society founded by Robert W. Welch of Belmont, Mass. and would like to have your opinion as to the adviseability of such a step. You must know of this Society, its objectives and aims, and the relative accuracy of the various information furnished to its members.

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Any information in this regard you could furnish me would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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[redacted]
Lufkin, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 21, 1960, has been received, and I certainly appreciate your kind comments about the work of this Bureau.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and is not authorized to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Lufkin, Texas
October 21, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been invited to join The John Birch Society and in this day of communist front organizations and facist organizations, I want to be absolutely sure that an anti-communist organization is exactly that and not some other equally anti-American organization.

Would you please send me whatever information you have or your own opinion of this organization.

I have long admired your fight against crime and for the American way of life and would highly respect and appreciate any opinions you might divulge on this society.

Yours truly,
[redacted]

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[redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

Dear [redacted]

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DATE 5/29/84 BY [illegible]

Your letter dated October 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, unable to comment on the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he understands the John Birch Society is an antisocialist, anticommunist organization and that he realizes many organizations are actually fronts for subversive groups. He requests the Director's opinion of the John Birch Society.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

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AMARILLO, TEXAS

October 24, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

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Gentlemen:

Will you please be good enough to let me know your opinion of the John Birch Society. It is my understanding that this is an anti-socialist, anti-communist organization. Realizing that many organizations are actually fronts for subversive groups, I am now writing to inquire from you as to the exact nature of this John Birch Organization.

Very truly yours,

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Odessa, Texas

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Dear Mr.

Your letter dated October 23, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am precluded, therefore, from commenting upon the organization you mention, nor can I suggest a course of action to be followed by you in this matter.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has issued, from time to time, various statements and items of literature concerning the menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this literature which may be of interest to you.

I have noted your kind personal comments, and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states he is interested in combatting the communist menace and requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He asks if the Director feels that he should join this Society or if the Director can suggest a better way to combat communism. Correspondent expresses his appreciation of the "splendid and courageous work" that the Director has done for our nation. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

(1) "Communist Target - Youth"
(2) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
(3) "One Nation's Response to Communism"
(4) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"

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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

October 23, 1960

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am interested in actively participating in a non-political organization stressing conservative political and anti-communist actions. Would you please advise me if the "John Birch Society" (305 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts) meets those qualifications. Have you any reason to suspect communist infiltration or subversion of that organization, or any pro-communist intentions of its founder, Mr. Robert Welch?

Further, do you know of any reason why patriotic American citizens should hesitate to join such a society? Can you suggest a better way for individuals to combat the Communist menace that threatens our country?

May I also take this opportunity, Mr. Hoover, to express my sincere appreciation of the splendid and courageous work that you have done for our nation.

Yours very truly,

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Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired and, therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Enclosed are some booklets pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to your wife and you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No records Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist group. We have conducted no investigation regarding this organization.

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Milwaukee, Wis.
October 28, 1960.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have taken this opportunity to write you because I feel if any one person in the United States is qualified to comment on Communism in the U.S. you most certainly are without equal.

My wife and I have recently joined a Cardinal Mindszenty study group to become better informed on the Communist threat to us. We are frankly scared, appalled, and outraged by the facts we are discovering about Communism. We both feel this study group is only the 'Door-opener' to taking a more active part in the fight against Communism. Our problem is that being young, Catholic, patriotic, Democrats, we want to direct our energies into the most effective channels.

The 'John Birch' Society here in Milwaukee is praised by a few as an effective Anti-Communist organization and lampooned by many; including the Milwaukee Journal, as being a crack-pot group of 'far right radicals'. What Sir, is your opinion of the John Birch Society? Do you consider it an effective or ineffective means of combatting communists?

We are parents of four young sons and feel very strongly about doing all that we possibly can to insure the future freedom of our boys.

We sincerely hope you will be able to advise us.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

Milwaukee 11, Wis.

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Odessa, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 26, 1960, has been received, and I am enclosing some material regarding communism in the United States.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and is not authorized to furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
Where Do We Stand on Communism?
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Director's Statement on 10th Annual Convention of CPUSA ~~(8-12-57)~~
McCarran Report on Communism
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Mr. [redacted]

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It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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MIDLAND
BOX 4005, VILLAGE STA.
OXFORD 4-2531

October 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Would appreciate knowing what the situation is in the U.S.A. on communism.

Is it under control, or is there a need for an organization, such as the John Birch Society?

Would also like your opinion of the John Birch Society. Thank You!!

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Oxnard Beach, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 [illegible]

Your letter of October 27, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and is not authorized to furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

This Bureau does not issue or maintain a list such as you mentioned. A list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 can be secured by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society has not been investigated by the FBI. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches in various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch the activities inasmuch as its founder, Robert Welch indicated that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization, might be effective in attracting true subversives. Correspondent's enclosure, a ~~self-addressed~~ self-addressed, stamped envelope, was used in reply. SAW:jpr (3)

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October 27, 1960

[redacted]

Oxnard Beach, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society of Belmont Massachusetts has come to my attention which, so far as I can ascertain, appears to be patriotic, intensely pro-American. Seemingly it is a good one to join and work with for the good of our country.

Before making any efforts in this direction will you please let me know whether or not this is on your subversive list, or if you can recommend it as being what it seems?

I should appreciate an immediate reply, as I will not be at this address after November 14th.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

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Odessa, Texas

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DATE 5/29/84 BY

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated October 27, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like very much to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you mentioned, and I am unable to be of assistance. Please do not infer in this connection that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Odessa, Texas
October 27, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope you won't mind my taking your time for a personal inquiry. Some of my friends are members of the John Birch Society which has its headquarters in Belmont, Massachusetts.

As nearly as I can determine, the conservative anti-communist ideas held by this organization coincide with my own; however, before attending a meeting and becoming affiliated with the group, I wanted to check directly with you and obtain your personal evaluation of their aims and purposes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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[redacted]

Atlantic City, New Jersey

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. Your concern regarding the menace of communism is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired and, therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this group by the FBI.

Enclosed are some booklets pertaining to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist group. We have conducted no investigation regarding this organization.

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[redacted]
Atlantic City, N.J.
October 28, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am very interested in information concerning the spread of communism in the United States. I would also appreciate any information you can supply to me regarding "The John Birch Society" of Belmont, Massachusetts.

Any aid you can give to me in these matters will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 10/28/60

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
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On 10/10/60 [redacted] Dallas, Texas, advised that two acquaintances of hers, whose names she declined to mention, are associated with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. She reported this group was supposedly anti-Communist and from what she knows of the organization they are "against everything." She stated the group did not offer any constructive ideas and criticized the government. She said the group claimed that the Americans for Democratic Action was run by Communists. Mrs. [redacted] said that one of the unnamed acquaintances had subscribed to a newspaper known as "Human Events" which Mrs. [redacted] described as a publication which criticizes everything but offers no remedies for the things in our government it opposes. By way of background information concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas, Mrs. [redacted] Dallas, Texas, has advised she attended an organizational meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY which was held at [redacted] Dallas, on 6/28/60. As a result, Mrs. [redacted] was placed on the mailing list and was mailed a pamphlet entitled "American Opinion" which was critical of the government in various ways, including the farm policy. She remembered that one of the topics was entitled "How Christian is Christian Herter," and criticized HERTER's policies as Secretary of State. The society espoused Senator BARRY GOLDWATER of Arizona for President, and claimed to be an anti-Communist organization, she said. Mrs. [redacted] stated that TOM HILL is the co-ordinator of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas, and shows motion pictures and runs tape recordings for the various groups comprising the society. The Dallas area is broken into small groups which she compared with church circles, with HILL being the overall co-ordinator of the society in the Dallas area. At the meeting Mrs. [redacted] attended, the co-ordinator stated the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY has 5,000 members in the U. S., and has a goal of 1,000,000 members. HILL stated that only 1,000,000 members would be effective because that was about the number of persons who could understand the motives of Communism. She stated that they have a seminar which lasts for two days at which time they run tape recordings lasting from 16 to 18 hours and a movie is shown for about three hours.

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Regarding the organization of the society, HILL stated that ROBERT WELCH is the chairman and that he had appointed a Board of Directors for the society. According to Mrs. [redacted] the Board of Directors in turn have appointed co-ordinators throughout the U. S. which are paid and co-ordinate the various local groups throughout the country. She believed the society to be autocratic in that HILL stated the directors could not be removed and were all appointed by WELCH, the head of the society. She made available a dues schedule which reflected that a life membership in the organization is $1,000; regular membership for men $24, and for women $12. The membership dues for men and women may be paid at $2.00 per month for men and $1.00 for women per month to the local chapter leader.

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By letter dated 10/20/60, Mr. [redacted], [redacted], Pampa, Texas, wrote to the Dallas Office stating that he was interested in the organization known as the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which indicated that this society may be recruiting in the Pampa, Texas, area.

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Bellaire, Texas

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Dear Miss [redacted]

I have received your letter of October 29, 1960, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

It was very thoughtful of you to comment about the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth." In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material regarding communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)

Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
17th National Convention CPUSA & March 1960 LEB Introduction
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December 1958 and is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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[redacted]
Bellaire, Texas
October 29, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir,

We have seen the film, "Operation Abolition", and have read the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth". Both are very informative, and we are taking every opportunity to bring each of these to the attention of other people.

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Your report in the pamphlet is excellent.

I am writing as a member of The John Birch Society, and an answer to this letter is not expected.

Have written to my congressman and to The House Committee on Un-American Activities for more copies of the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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[redacted]

Wichita 19, Kansas

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your postal card dated October 27, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests the Director's opinion as to whether or not the John Birch Society is communistic.

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Mr. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW FROM PAGE ONE:

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-10440)

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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Sirs:

Thursday
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If you have investigated it, I would appreciate your considered opinion of the John Birch Society (i.e. - is it communistic, against American form of government, etc.). Thank you,

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Wichita 19,
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November 8, 1960

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[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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DATE 5/29/84 BY SP6 [illegible]

Your letter dated October 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued various items of literature concerning the menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing some of this literature which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society, which he has recently joined. He expresses a desire to learn more about communism. The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

(1) "Communist Target - Youth."
(2) "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960."
(3) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
(4) "One Nation's Response to Communism."
(5) "What You Can Do to Fight Communism."

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

[redacted]
Wichita, Kansas
October 29th, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 2/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Sir:

I know that you and your staff are very busy, but I would appreciate it if you could give me some help. From what little I know about the subject we must all do what we can to stop the alarming spread of Communism or it will be too late for us or our children.

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Over the last two months I have seen a film "Communism on The Map" put out by Harding College of Searcy, Arkansas. The film was provided by "The John Birch Society". The film and the society have now come under considerable attack from several sources, such as the faculty at our municipal university and the Air Force Reserve unit of which I am a member had come up in the discussion a sharp challenge from some of its members.

To me the film was excellent showing the history of the spread of Communism. Also from what I know about "The John Birch Society", they are making an effort in the right direction. I am not a joiner by any means, but I have joined this organization.

Would you say I have placed my allegiance in a wrong place or is this the usual attack that can be expected when any opposition is given to Communism? I have found no other organized effort against Communism in which a member of the public can participate. Many people see the danger and do not wish to sit and twiddle their thumbs while the communists take us over.

Your help would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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DATE 5/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 2, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like very much to help you, the FBI has not investigated the organization you mentioned, and I cannot be of aid. Please do not infer that this is either a clearance or nonclearance by this Bureau of the group in question.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Houston 8, Texas
October 27, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

This letter is, I am sure, ~~be~~ one of a great many that has been written you by patriotic Americans as a result of the forming of the organisation known as THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Any information you could give me regarding the pros an cons of this society as a way and means of fighting Connunism would be greatly apperciated.

Thank you,

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November 7, 1960

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Beaumont, Texas

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DATE 8/29/84 BY

Dear Dr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 31, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should, however, not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
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BEAUMONT, TEXAS

October 31, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I've heard and read some things concerning the John Birch Society which is anti-communistic in its motives.

I wish that you would please inform me if this is the case and if it is a truly American society and not a Communistic front organization.

Sincerely,

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November 2, 1960

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Georgetown, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of October 24, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau. This should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4) One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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NOTE CONTINUED..... The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Correspondent inquired about the John Birch Society and gives information concerning one of the local meetings he attended.

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[redacted]
Georgetown, Conn.
October 24, 1960

Dear Sir,

I would like information regarding "The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass.

Several weeks ago I was invited to a meeting at my brother John's house, along with twenty or so other people. We were told we would receive information on how to fight Communism on the home front. Most of us attending are connected with some kind of business or trade in town in which we come in contact with people every day.

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The meeting consisted of several reels of film being shown by a Mr. Thomas N. Hill, a paid worker for Mr. Welch, head of the John Birch Society.

All we saw and heard was Mr. Welch speaking to us on Marxism, Leninism, etc. and other aspects of communism.

During changes of reels I questioned many statements and inuendos made in the films. None of them were answered to my satisfaction by Mr. Hill.

Here are a few examples:
Mr. Welch claimed that Mr. Truman and Jack Kennedy supported communism in Algeria. When I asked how, I was told they had supported free elections in Algeria just as we are fighting for the world over. Mr. Welch had already stated in the film that they were a small minority in the country so I could not see why he was afraid of free open elections. He suggested that the "Commies" are working in great numbers in the pentagon and all other high military areas. The state dep't. and foreign service is overrun with "Commies." When I asked later for facts, I received none.

The film connected anything using the word social with eventual Communism.

It all smacked of Communism by association.

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The things that I heard in the last two films aroused my curiosity and anger and prompted me to write to your organization for further information.

Mr. Welsh suggested that we work for the removal of the United Nations from our shores and suggested we withdraw. That we cut back and eventually do away with our Missile program. That we do away with foriegn aid. All this was what Mr. "K." was advocating in the U. N. at that very time and it disturbed me.

We were then asked to join the society and become dues paying members. They amounted to twenty-four dollars per year.

We would receive our material for meetings directly from the headquarters each month. They would be read but could not be questioned or discussed at the meeting. You follow them implicitly or resign. We were told that our next two leaders had already been chosen in case of Mr. Welsh's death. That is when I had to leave.

I sincerely hope I am 100% wrong about this way of fighting Communism. Giving up rights of discussion and questioning directives is not fair in any society. The similarity between what they are fighting and their own program came too closely related for me. That is why I finally decided to clear my mind and ask your help.

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Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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Sincerely,

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FBI

Date: 11/8/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

John Birch Society

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/27/87 BY 6038 PMG

On 11/5/60, Mr. ROBERT WELCH, 8 Hamlin Lane, Wilmington, Mass. telephonically advised that on that date his wife received a phone call from Western Union advising that Western Union had a telegram addressed merely to ROBERT WELCH, Melrose, Mass. The Western Union employee, unable to locate anybody of that name presently living in Melrose, learned that Mr. and Mrs. WELCH of Wilmington, Mass. had formerly resided in Melrose.

The telegram read as follows:

"Conservative group indicted and arrested for exposing Socialist record of candidate for State Office. JBS members in group could back-fire against leftists. Advice from headquarters needed. Signed [redacted]"
(PORTLAND, OREGON)

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It appears that the "JBS" in telegram may refer to "The John Birch Society" organized by ROBERT H. WELCH, JR. of Belmont, Mass. in December, 1958, and that possibly the telegram was meant for this individual.

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2 - Portland (RM)
1 - Boston (100-32899)
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Approved: Sent M Per
Special Agent in Charge

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Information concerning ROBERT H. W. WELCH, JR. and "The John Birch Society" appears in SAC Letters 59-13 dated 3/10/59 and 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

Portland should follow instructions in SAC Letter 60-5 in event a chapter of "The John Birch Society" is organized.

No investigation conducted at Boston.

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Telegram sent from Portland, Oregon, see serial 4 89.

1 - Mr. Farrow

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November 9, 1960

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Tempe, Arizona

Dear Mr. [redacted]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8/29/81 BY 6033 JAM/MC

Your letter dated October 26, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am forwarding to you under separate cover various items of literature available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which may be of assistance to you in connection with your study groups. I would also like to suggest that you may desire to refer to my book "Masters of Deceit" which also relates to the subject of communism in the United States. This book may be obtained through your local library.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, a minister, requests information concerning the John Birch Society and the National Council of Churches. He specifically asked if the John Birch Society is sanctioned by the FBI and about the extent of communist infiltration into the National Council of Churches. He also asked if the Director can recommend specific books on the subject of communism.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted investigation of the NCCC as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent under separate cover.

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Expose of Soviet Espionage."
3. "God and Country or Communism."
4. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
6. Reprint from March, 1960, "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," with analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
8. "One Nation's Response to Communism."

[redacted]

TELEPHONE [redacted]

St. Augustine's Parish

Episcopal

1735 COLLEGE AVENUE

TEMPE, ARIZONA

October 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 9/29/84 BY SP6BAM/MR

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I have recently come in contact with members of the John Birch Society which purports to be organized for the purpose of fighting communist infiltration in the United States.

Some of the claims and accusations which they make are alarming to say the least.

I am seeking, in so far as it is possible, to try to find out whether they are honestly presenting evidence which has been uncovered by agents of the United States Government or whether they are themselves a front organization for some other purpose (such as anti-United Nations, or anti-integration.)

I would greatly appreciate any information which you could send me regarding the John Birch Society - i.e. does it have the sanction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation?

I would also appreciate any information which you could send me regarding the extent of communist infiltration into American Churches and the National Council of Churches.

In reading through your article in the October 24th issue of "Christianity Today" you urged the formation of discussion groups to acquaint church people with the dangers of communism. Could you recommend any specific books or pamphlets which might be used for such discussion groups? The type of thing which I am specifically seeking is source material which is as free as possible from extraneous motivations - for example a recent anti-communist speaker in this area took the position that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is communist infiltrated - the speaker was a Baptist minister who personally objects to the RSV translation in Isaiah where the word young woman is used rather than "virgin" as it reads in the King James Version.
Knowing that he was fighting a personal theological battle over the translations left doubt as to the validity of his original premise.

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I know how difficult it is for any author to seperate his own personal convictions from his thinking , that is, how difficult it is to truly approach a subject from a totally objective point of view. Are there any books which deal with the menace of communism which are straight-forwardly objective in their approach? I would greatly appreci knowing of any which you would recommend.

Sincerely yours,

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HOME OF EPISCOPAL STUDENT CENTER
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/17/60

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-0)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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Re SAC letter 60-5, which contained information concerning the above society. Reference also is made to Bureau letter directed to Mr. [redacted] Post Office Box [redacted] Eugene, Oregon, dated 8/22/60, a copy of which was forwarded to Portland, enclosing a letter from [redacted] to the Director, in which he commended the Director for his work against communism. In his letter [redacted] had said that he was a member of The John Birch Society.

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Recent inquiries of the Portland Division indicate that a chapter of this society may be active in the vicinity of Florence, Oregon, a small community on the Oregon coast. The most recent inquiry was one on 10/7/60, from [redacted] American Legion, Portland, who advised that his organization was in receipt of a letter from Mrs. [redacted] in which she said that The John Birch Society recently had been holding meetings in Florence and had requested the use of the American Legion building for the meetings. [redacted] said that inquiries had been made concerning the organization, as to its goals and motives.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau. No other data is available concerning the activities of this society in the Florence vicinity. There also has been no information received which would indicate that any subversive element has any interest in this group.

No further investigation or inquiry is being conducted by the Portland Division.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/9/60

FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13570)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
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Re Milwaukee letter to the Bureau, 8/3/60, and Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau, 9/9/60.

This is to advise the Bureau that the only information since relet which has come to Milwaukee's attention about the captioned organization consists of material published by the "Milwaukee Journal" in two articles. The two articles are as follows:

1. "Founder Denies View is Shared," 8/3/60, which reported a Journal interview with ROBERT WELCH of Belmont, Massachusetts, the founder of the John Birch Society. WELCH was reported as saying that his belief President EISENHOWER was a Communist was not a tenet of his Society; that the "Milwaukee Journal" story of 7/31/60 about WELCH, the John Birch Society and the Society's growth in Wisconsin was fallacious because it attributed WELCH's personal beliefs about Mr. EISENHOWER to the Society and that there was no evidence the Society had ten chapters in Wisconsin.

2. "Birch Society is Urged to Take Over PTA's," 9/25/60, which reported that WELCH's September Bulletin to John Birch members told them to join and "take over" local chapters of the Parent-Teachers' Association, to "straighten out" PTA thinking and gain control to "exert a wider influence." The article added that the bulletin was a guide, not an exposition of regulations; that Mrs. [redacted] Milwaukee, wife area [redacted] for the Society, refused to discuss the matter; that Mrs. [redacted] Milwaukee, wife active in the Society, referred questions to her lawyer husband, who himself declined to say whether he was a Society member and claimed not to have seen the bulletin.....The news article quoted WELCH as asking

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his followers to harass Secretary of State HERTER, as attacking HENRY CABOT LODGE, the current Republican Vice-Presidential candidate, as the man who "done the most to build up the pretense for gullible Americans that the United Nations can serve some useful purpose, while subtly surrendering to Soviet pressures...."

The current Milwaukee City Directory identifies one [redacted] as associated with Wickham, Borgelt, Skogstad and Powell, lawyers, the husband of [redacted]. It also identifies one [redacted] administrator for the Wisconsin International Guard, the husband of [redacted]. It lists [redacted]

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Milwaukee files show that on 1/28/60, Milwaukee Office sent to the Bureau a letter entitled, "Christian Anti-Communism Crusade," concerning a Milwaukee School of Anti-Communism scheduled to be held February 9 - 13, 1960 at the Pfister [redacted] Hotel, Milwaukee. [redacted] were mentioned respectively as a finance committee member and executive committee registrar for that school.

Milwaukee indices are negative on the [redacted]

The Milwaukee Office has received no information that subversive elements have tried to take over or use the John Birch Society. No investigation has been conducted.

Case closed here. Should any pertinent information be received the Bureau will be promptly advised.

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DATE 8/29/84

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Your letter dated October 31, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the thought which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am returning your enclosure since you have indicated that you desire to have further inquiry made concerning this material. Please do not infer, in this connection, that the return of the enclosure is either a clearance or nonclearance of this material.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires whether "The Southern American" is subversive. She states if this is a subject the Director is not at liberty to discuss, perhaps he would ask Mr. [redacted] of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, to look at the publication and if he has any information on it, to send such information to the correspondent. Correspondent states that the publication was sent through the organization "Western Minute Men, USA." Correspondent states that if the publication is not subversive, to please return it to her. She enclosed a copy of "The Southern American" pointing out it mentions the Director in a manner which she finds distasteful. The item she refers to states, "It's strange that Mr. Hoover always persecutes patriots trying to save our country, but never sees any of the criminals who work around the clock to destroy us all; maybe, even Mr. JEH."

Bufiles disclose that by letter of 8-29-60 correspondent indicated she is a member of an anticommunist organization. Her letter made kind remarks concerning the Bureau. It enclosed a rambling letter she sent to Vice President Nixon setting forth her opinion as to why we should maintain the loyalty oath. A cordial acknowledgment was sent to her with material on the subject of communism.

"The Southern American" is published under the auspices of the National Patrick Henry Organization, Inc. This organization has been the subject of a Bureau investigation and Atlanta was office of origin. The investigation was closed in 1956 in view of lack of activity of this organization. It had been organized during the Fall of 1946 as a society to fight communism; however, since its founding, its activities indicate that its anticommunist attitude is merely one phase of its hate tactics in that many pamphlets are anti-Jewish, anti-Masonic and anti-Negro. Bufiles contain no pertinent information concerning "Western Minute Men, USA."

October 31, 1960

[redacted]
Alhambra, California

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8/29/84 BY [illegible]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Enclosed you will find a publication which was handed to me to read. I checked this in "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" which was revised and published as of January 2, 1957, but could not find it listed. One particular reason for my inquiring into this publication is the fact it mentions Mr. Hoover in a manner which I find distasteful. This paragraph is outlined in green, by me.

Would you, if possible, let me know the standing of "The Southern American" -- is it subversive? If this is a subject you are not at liberty to discuss, perhaps you would ask Mr. [redacted] of the HCUA to look at the publication and if he has any information on this to send it to me. I understand this was sent out through the organization "Western Minute Men, USA"

If all is as it should be, would you please return the publication to me.

Thank you for your courtesy in the past.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
John Birch Society

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CORRESPONDENCE

Separate W ENCLOSURE

Ack 11/10/60 MR Lewis

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Malone
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Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

FBI

Date: 11/9/60

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Boston airtel dated 11/8/60 captioned as above, inadvertently omitted information that the telegram addressed to ROBERT WELCH, Melrose, Mass. was sent from Portland, Oregon.

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Cassopolis, Michigan

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of November 1, 1960, has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind remarks you expressed concerning the pamphlet, "Communist Target--Youth," and my book, "Masters of Deceit." I am enclosing some material on the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)
One Nation's Response to Communism
3-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no references to correspondent. It is noted that she is a member of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. The Society is allegedly anti-communist. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 alerted the field to inform the Bureau of any information they receive concerning the Society's activities.

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Cassopolis, Mich.
Nov. 1, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Dir. F. B. I.
House Un-American Activities
Committee
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 CSA/mlc

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I read about your report on July 18, 1960 released in the pamphlet, "Communist Target - Youth." I have sent for some to use in a senior government class at the Dowagiac, Mich. high school.

It gives one a quivering ache when your children say, "Mr. Clark says socialism means progress for the mass of people. Conservatives are interested mostly in their own property dollars" - etc. He cleverly says to make up their own minds but surely glorifies the left side.

Our girl awakened her class with an oral book report on your, "Masters of Deceit."

I am grateful for your contribution. It should mean so much to America.

I hope better solutions to keep local control of schools will be forthcoming. Our Mich. Superintendent of Public Instruction is now appointed, not elected. He and the State Board of Education over-rule County Board decisions on property transfers, weakening primary districts, also against legislation defeat of K-12 Bill.

I am a member of the John Birch Society and expect no reply to my letter.

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Thank you again and best wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Cassopolis, Mich.
Nov. 1, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Dir. F.B.I.
House Un-American Activities Committee
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Our girl awakened her class with an oral book report on your "Masters of Deceit".

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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I am a member of the John Birch Society and expect no reply to my letter.

Thank you again and best wishes

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Sincerely,

Mrs. [redacted]

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Republic National Bank of Dallas
Dallas 22, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 4, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should, however, not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)
Director's speech 10-18-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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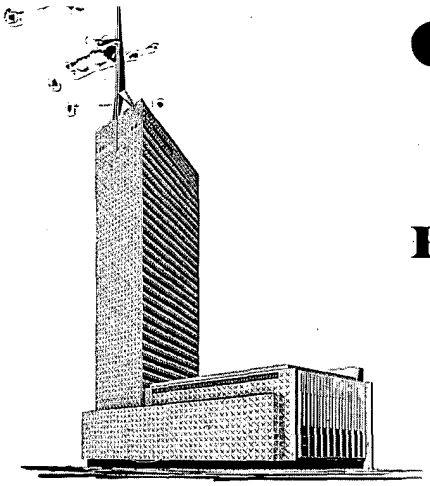

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November 4, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 BJA/mlr

Gentlemen:

I have recently received literature from the John Birch Society, whose office is in Belmont, Massachusetts, the founder of which is Mr. Robert Welch.

I am informed that this organization promotes the formation of John Birch Society Chapters throughout the country, the purpose of which is to meet periodically and discuss matters of interest to the nation and to take action considered in the best interests of the country and particularly in opposition to the growth of communism.

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I am considering joining a chapter of the society or organizing a new chapter but before doing so I would like to know that the organization and its purposes have been cleared by your office and found to be truly American in nature and not a communist front organization.

I will appreciate anything you can give me to guide me in my decision to participate in the work of the John Birch Society.

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Yours very truly,

[redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI 11/2/60

SAC, SAVANNAH (100-NEW)

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FLORIDA COALITION;
INTERNAL SECURITY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

(OO: Tampa) John Birch Society

The following items are enclosed for the Bureau:

1) One seven-page thermofax copy of organizational plans for purported "Anti-Subversive" "South Carolina Coalition."

2) Four thermofax pages of literature, appearing to be formal bulletins of an "Anti-Subversive" group in the State of Florida.

3) Booklet entitled, "American Opinion," Vol. #III, Number 7.

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On 10/20/60, Mr. [redacted] University of South Carolina, contacted the Columbia, S. C. Resident Agency, and furnished the following information.

Sometime during August 1960, he was contacted by one [redacted], Greenville, S. C. He stated that [redacted] told him that he had been referred to him by one [redacted] of Winter Park, Fla. According to [redacted] had contacted him relative to his, [redacted], setting up an "Anti-Subversive" committee in the State of S. C. [redacted] indicated to [redacted] that he was connected with the "Florida Coalition," an "Anti-Subversive" group operating in the State of Fla.

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[redacted] allegedly told [redacted] that he did not have time to engage in this activity whereupon [redacted] gave [redacted] name and suggested that [redacted] contact [redacted] and ask [redacted] to set up the committee and serve as State Chairman.

Mr. [redacted] stated that he had never met [redacted] prior to his first contact with him in August 1960, and that he does not know how [redacted] obtained his name.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] told him that the purpose of this committee was to seek out subversive persons and activities in the State of S. C. and forward any information obtained to an organization in Washington, D. C. Mr. [redacted] stated that he cannot recall the name of this organization, but stated that he recalled that [redacted] stated that the organization was of the type that conducted investigations relative to industrial hiring. [redacted] explained to him that he should contact reputable persons in various cities throughout the state and solicit their aid in this committee work. He stated that [redacted] suggested that these persons would have to attend all types of meetings in their respective cities, political, church and social and report any suspicious activities or personages to him, [redacted], who in turn would forward the information to the main office in Washington, D. C.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that he should be very security conscious and that he should keep the identity of his contacts unknown to one another. This committee work was to be done on a voluntary basis and participants would receive no remuneration.

[redacted] furnished [redacted] with the enclosed thermofax organizational chart and the four pages of what appears to be a formal bulletin issued by an "Anti-Subversive" group in Florida. These latter bulletins indicate a mailing address of the organization as "FNB, P. O. Box 1542, Winter Park, Florida."

[redacted] stated that he had no intention of conducting any activity along these lines and had forgotten about the incident until October 19, 1960, when he received through the mail the copy of the booklet, "American Opinion." He stated that the return address on the envelope read: "[redacted] Greenville, S. C."

This booklet is published by Editor ROBERT WELCH, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

The enclosed issue of "American Opinion" purports to be "A panoramic survey of the degree of Communist influence in each of 107 countries."

[redacted] stated that upon receipt of this booklet, he recalled his contact with [redacted] and decided to furnish the FBI with this literature and information for whatever value it might have. He stated that he does not intend to have anything to do with this organization, and has not had any contact with [redacted] since the initial contact.

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The four thermofax pages of what appear to be a news bulletin of a Florida "Anti-Subversive" group, refer to organizational operations; the possibility of groups renting tape recordings of "Schwartz' Christian-Anti-Communist Crusade," a series which records talks by Dr. SCHWARTZ, RICHARD ARENS and HERBERT PHILBRICK." Bulletin also refers to plans having been made to start a "Florida Red File," in which members are urged to report information on individuals or organizations on 3x5 cards, making two copies of such a card, "(one for the FBI)."

The bulletins also refer to JEROME DAVIS and [redacted] of Clearwater, Florida, who visited the Soviet Union and had a three-hour visit in the Kremlin with Deputy Premier A. I. MIKOYAN.

This literature appears to be the house organ of a "Super Patriot" type of organization.

The above information and enclosures are being furnished the Bureau for information in the event similar information has been received from other sources.

No further action is being taken by the Savannah Division.

LEADS:

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will furnish the Bureau any pertinent information in their files with regard to [redacted] Greenville, S. C.

THE TAMPA DIVISION

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

Will furnish the Bureau any pertinent information contained in files with regard to [redacted], Winter Park, Fla., and also any information regarding an organization possibly known as "The Florida Coalition," with an address of "FNB, P. O. Box 1542, Winter Park, Fla.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 10/21/60

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13581)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet to Milwaukee 11/9/60.

This is to advise the date referred to as 9/25/60 on which one Mrs. [redacted] furnished information to the Bureau is in error. The date should be 9/25/53. b6 b7C

This typographical error has been corrected on the Milwaukee file copy of Milwaukee letter of 10/28/60 and the Bureau is requested to change the date on the copies received at the Bureau.

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Dallas 32, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Your letter of October 11, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments about my book, "Masters of Deceit."

While I would like to be of service with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI. In view of your concern, I am forwarding, under separate cover, some material which may be of aid to you.

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SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 8:05 Pm
DATE 10-21-60
BY

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - D. C. Morrell - 4235
How To Beat Communism
Don't Be Duped By The Communists!
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Where do We Stand Today With Communism in the U. S.
Breaking the Communist Masquerader
How To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response To Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted] 10-19-60 b6 b7C

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Self-addressed stamped envelope (airmail). Envelope forwarded by correspondent used in reply.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

TRUE COPY

[redacted]
Dallas 32, Texas
Oct. 11, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently there has been brought to my attention The John Birch Society, organized about 1959 by one Robert Welch. It professes to fight communism. Your book Masters of Deceit is an eye--opener and has answered some of my questions, but what I should now like to know is how an average citizen like me goes about determining the veracity and reliability of such organizations. We, as a nation, certainly need to unite and actively fight communism, but how does one know when one is really doing the job and when one is being duped into helping the communists?

Our local F.B.I. and Attorney General's office can give me no information concerning this society. Can you?

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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EX 109

November 14, 1960

[redacted]

Cut Bank, Montana

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DATE 8/29/84 BY 220504

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 2, 1960, has been received, and I am pleased that you found the material sent you of interest.

In response to your request, my address before the National Convention of The American Legion and the article relating to the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, are presently being reprinted; however, 20 copies of each will be forwarded just as soon as they are received from the printers. I am currently sending you, under separate cover, material available for distribution by the FBI along the other lines you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - D. C. Morrell - 4235
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20 copies each: Communist Target--Youth
Warning to US Teen-Agers
Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency
Youth in Crime
January, 1960, LEB Introduction
We Must Choose Between Discipline and Barbarism

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NOTE: There has been prior cordial correspondence with Mrs. [redacted] She indicated in a letter 8-24-60 that she was a member of The John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in

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LETTER TO MRS. [redacted]
11-10-60

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December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

Bulet 9-1-60 forwarded a reprint of the March, 1960, LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention of the CP, USA; consequently, her current letter is requesting 20 copies of that reprint.

Correspondence and Tours will forward, when available, the copies requested of it and the Director's Speech 10-18-60.

Sent 11/23/60

TRUE COPY

CUT BANK WOMAN'S CLUB
CUT BANK, MONTANA

Nov 2, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.,

Dear Mr Hoover,

First of all, I wish to thank you for your nice letter and the two addresses. They were excellent. Now I know patriotism isn't dead.

May we have 20 copies of the address before the American Legion Convention on October 18th 1960? I am giving the copy you sent to a youth leader who is concerned with the way they are being "brain-washed."

We also would like 20 copies of your letter to all law enforcement officers, and anything you can send us on "Sit-In" strikes Student Riots, juvenile delinquency and other areas of life that could be improved if we had the information.

Any material you send us will be put in good hands throughout this area.

Thank you.

Sincerely

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Cut Bank, Mont.

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Cut Bank Woman's Club

Cut Bank, Montana

Nov 2, 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.,

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Dear Mr Hoover,

First of all, I wish to thank you for your nice letter and the two addresses. They were excellent. Now I know patriotism isn't dead.

May we have 20 copies of the address before the American Legion Convention on October 18th 1960? I am giving the copy you sent to a youth leader who is concerned with the way they are being "brain-washed."

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Thank you.

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

November 10, 1960

MR. MOHR:

SAC Brown, Pittsburgh, called and talked to Kemper. He said that one [redacted] Pennsylvania, had called the Pittsburgh Office, stated that he had been in a local flower shop this morning and that one [redacted] (no record Pittsburgh files) was circulating a petition urging that the Director be removed as head of the FBI and made Attorney General of the United States.

[redacted] said that he thought that the petition, which was being directed to President-Elect Kennedy, was being circulated by the Burke Society.

This ~~is undoubtedly~~ COULD BE the John Birch Society, headed by Robert Welch, wealthy candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. This group is subject of Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13. In January, 1959, Welch met with a group of leading industrialists in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, lecturing on communism and presented his plan to establish ostensibly communist front groups which, in reality, would be anticommunist groups. Above SAC Letter alerted the field of these plans and instructed the field to promptly advise the Bureau of any information concerning Welch's activities in this regard. Welch wrote a book entitled "The Politician" which came to the Bureau's attention in March, 1959. Only a limited number of copies printed which he has distributed to friends and certain individuals who he believes would be interested in its contents. This book attacks the reputation of the President of the United States, particularly Chapter 9 which is a violent attack upon President Eisenhower.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Jones

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-7-60

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN JACK WESTLAND DATED NOVEMBER 2, 1960, REGARDING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Attached is a letter from Congressman Westland dated November 2, 1960, which enclosed a copy of a letter from Mrs. [redacted] Bow, Washington who inquired about the John Birch Foundation. Based on limited information furnished, Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Mrs. [redacted]

We have enjoyed extremely cordial relations with Congressman Westland, and it is believed that he should be confidentially informed regarding the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., a wealthy candy manufacturer in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. The organization is allegedly anticommunist and has branches in many parts of the country.

Welch has been extremely critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. He has, in the past, gone so far as to even call the President a communist. It is not known to what extent Mr. Welch is able to control his followers; however, it is known that he has a great deal to do with the Society's publications, the construction of their "reading list," and he is the author of the books, "The Politician" and the "Blue Book," which he has widely distributed to his followers. He has endeavored to give the members of the various branches his personal touch by preparing tapes which are played back to the members at their meetings. These tapes have reached 2 1/2 hours in length.

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We are not actively investigating this Society, but we have alerted the field to forward any information on their activities to the Bureau. This was done because Welch has indicated that his group may attempt to take on the appearance of a front organization in an effort to attract true subversives.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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That someone in your office call Congressman Westland and discreetly inform him regarding the John Birch Society and acknowledge receipt of his letter.

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Enclosure

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I agree

Advised 11/14/60

JACK WESTLAND
2D DIST., WASHINGTON

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

MEMBER:
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY

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November 2, 1960

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have received from one of my constituents, Mrs. [redacted], Bow, Washington, inquiring about the John Birch Foundation.

If you have any information which you could give me concerning this organization to forward to Mrs. Squires, I would appreciate receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Westland

Jack Westland
Member of Congress

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CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted] Washington
October 27, 1960

Hon. Jack Westland
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Westland:

There is a great deal of discussion going on around our town, on Communism and how it has infiltrated into such well known organizations as United Nations and the National Education Association. UNICEF is especially condemned. These charges and inuendoes disturb me.

I believe this information or misinformation is distributed by an organization called the John Birch Foundation. These people appear to be sponsored by the American Legion. The speaker at a meeting in the American Legion Hall in Burlington on October 26 was [redacted] I have just read an article by this man called "Facts About UNICEF." He is described as Vice-Chairman Department Anti-Subversive Committee of the American Legion. His address is [redacted] Washington.

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I know you are a very busy man but I also feel you will be aware of this movement and will know better than the average citizen from whence it comes and what attitude an honest American should take towards it.

I will appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Signed) [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. Farrow

November 16, 1960

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[redacted]

Newtonville, Massachusetts

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter dated November 6, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has from time to time issued various items of literature on the menace of communism to this country. I am enclosing under separate cover some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Miss [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and specifically whether or not the organization is or is not a front organization. She also requests the Director's approval or disapproval of the John Birch Society and his reasons for his position in this regard. Correspondent enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being used for this reply. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.
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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent under separate cover:

1. "America - Freedom's Champion."
2. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

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Newtonville, Mass.
November 6, 1960

Dear Sir, John Birch Society

I would like to check on "The John Birch Society," founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts in 1958. I have been given a gift membership, as a result I am receiving literature from it. I am deeply concerned whether this is the type of society with which I want any dealings. The given purpose of the group is to fight communism. I would like to know if this is so or is it a front organization to aid the communists. I would appreciate your approval or disapproval of the organization and the reasons thereto.

Sincerely,

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[redacted]
Newtonville, Mass.
November 6, 1960

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Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

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November 16, 1960

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Wichita 8, Kansas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 10, 1960, has been received, and I am pleased to know of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you mentioned, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not, however, infer that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which you may find of interest. To secure a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, it is suggested that you submit your request to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)

Director's Speech 10-18-60
God and Country or Communism?
Communist Party, USA
Communist Party, USA (Ave Maria)
Communist Target-- Youth

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Letter to Mrs. [redacted]

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

P.S. Could you please send me a list of subversive organizations. These "peace" groups bother me.

November 10, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

F. B. I.

Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Here in Wichita there is a group of men who belong to the John Birch Society (with which I am sure you must be familiar.)

I personally feel that they are doing a fine job of informing the public about the danger of the Communist menace. The one and only newspaper here, "The Wichita Eagle and Beacon", has allowed them to be smeared by certain other Wichita citizens who have called them many things; the most commonly used term, in regard to them has been "fascistic".

Upon reading your book, "Masters of Deceit" it occured to me that perhaps I could turn to you for information about this John Birch Society. If you have any such information that would enable me to clear them of these charges and aid them in furthering their work against the Communists, I would appreciate your sending it to me.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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Wichita, 8, Kansas

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P.S. Could you please send me a list of subversive organizations. These "peace" [illegible] bother me.

1 - Mr. Farrow

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Columbus 21, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter dated November 5, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I have noted your kind comments and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to our country, I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he has been asked to join the John Birch Society but before he does so he would like to make certain that it is not a subversive organization. He states that he appreciates the work the Director is doing against communism and he would like some guidance so that he might also work against communism. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.
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The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent.

1. "Expose of Soviet Espionage."
2. "Communist Target - Youth."
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."
6. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

[redacted]

Creator of Fine Jewelry

REPAIRING ENGRAVING DIAMOND SETTING

[redacted] COLUMBUS 15, OHIO

November 5, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing this letter in regard to the John Birch Society. My wife and I and a group of our friends have been asked to join this society. We understand that it is a group of people fighting Communism which we are all for. However, be fore I pledge myself to the work carried out by this organization, I would like to be certain be yond question that it is as represented, and not a subversive organization.

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I feel that you above anyone e lse can give me this information. I would certainly appreciate anything that you may tell me.

I appreciate the work you are doing against Communism and want in some way to have some guidance so that I might also work against Communism towards the preservation of our freedom.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

ack. 11-16-60
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Columbus 21, Ohio

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~~CORRESPONDENCE~~

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EX-136

November 17, 1960

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Columbus 14, Ohio

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Dear Mr [redacted]

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Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not, however, infer in this connection that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

Director's Speech 10-18-60
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
God and Country or Communism?
Introduction March, 1960, LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert E. Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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November. 9, 1940

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently became interested in the John Birch Society, an organization whose purpose is to help combat the spread of communism in our country.

Before becoming involved, I am seeking your advise, and opinion as to whether this organization is clean and all American.

Sincerely,

/s/ [redacted] b6 b7C

Columbus, 14, Ohio

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November 9, 1940

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
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CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Mr. Farrow

November 15, 1960

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The Northwestern Mutual
Life Insurance Company
Suite 608
110 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

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DATE 8/29/84 BY SP6 CMP/PLR

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Furthermore, I am unable to suggest a source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

In view of your interest in communism, I am enclosing some material on this topic which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He states that if the Director is unable to furnish information to him, he would appreciate being referred to a source that could. He states that he questions the validity of this organization because the John Birch Society has indicated that it felt President Eisenhower was a communist. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. Information concerning this individual and his organization is contained in SAC Letter 60-5. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

(1) "Communist Target - Youth."
(2) "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
(3) A reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, March, 1960. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
(4) "One Nation's Response to Communism."
(5) "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently as president of our local PTA unit, it was requested of me to provide time at one of our PTA meetings for a discussion of anti-communist material to be made available by the John Birch Society.

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Certainly all of the members of our community desire to fight the inroads of Communism, and we are anxious to cooperate. But in our local paper not too long ago, there was an article about this society which indicated that they felt that President Eisenhower was a Communist, and this gives me sufficient cause to question the validity of this organization.

Do you have any information about this organization or can you refer me to where I can get further details?

It appears that the society was begun in 1958 in Indianapolis by a Bostonian by the name of Robert Welch.

Your assistance would be appreciated.

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Lufkin, Texas

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of November 7, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the individual or organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director

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Director's Speech before American Legion Convention, 10/18/60
3/60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CP USA
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record files identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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LUFKIN, TEXAS

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have recently become interested in the John Birch Society. Could I get your personal and professional opinion of Mr. Robert Welch and the John Birch Society?

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Mrs. John R. Boe
1144 N. E. Beacon Drive
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Boe:

Your letter dated November 5, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing to me is indeed appreciated.

I can well understand your desire to obtain accurate information concerning various individuals and organizations, and I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you in such matters. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, cannot furnish clearances, evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I trust you will understand my position in this regard and will not infer that our files do or do not contain information pertinent to your inquiry.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, however, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mrs. John R. Boe

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent, in a lengthy letter, furnishes her observations concerning the John Birch Society and states that she has begun to wonder if this organization is correct in its accusations and methods and inquires if it is an organization that is in disfavor with the FBI. She also states that she is asking for the Bureau's help and inquires in what way can a sincere and concerned individual be of most help in fighting communism.

Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been investigated by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the country. (62-104401)

Correspondent's inquiry as to how an individual can help in fighting communism is believed well answered in the literature which is being furnished to the correspondent.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What you can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
6. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with an analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.

JOHN R. BOE, M. D.
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
~~Suite 315 Wing Building~~ 108 N. E. SAVAGE
GRANTS PASS, OREGON PHONE GR 6-7747

November 5, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I'm confused.

And because I feel sure my confusion is a state of mind shared by many other sincere, concerned, thoughtful Americans, I am asking you for the answers to several questions--which I hope will enable me to clarify my thoughts. Your department is the only source of factual information on which I can depend--and I hope my faith in your evident sense of responsibility to the individuals of this nation is productive.

Within recent months my concern about the inroads of Communism, which now seem to crosshatch every activity in these United States, has changed from one of passive deploration to active anti-Communist evangelism; on a stricly individual, non-affiliated, basis.

However, I know that no matter how many individuals become aware of the seriousness of the situation--this intellectual conviction without implementing action--is not going to remove any Communists from influential positions anywhere.

So, accepting the personal responsibility to defend one's patriotic convictions with the same dedicated aggressiveness that the Communists show, one begins to look for ways to implement this decision. And one becomes aware that eventually, to be effective, this must become political action.

Recently, the John K. Birch Society represenatives presented the program of their organization in this area. Frankly I had gone to their first presentation hoping to find an organization through which I could more effectively expend my energies in combating Communism, but my first reaction to their information and theories was that this was way too far at the other end of the pendulum swing. On the basis that it is unfair to form an opinion without information, however, I did take all of their literature--including the Blue Book--and read it carefully. While it was comparable to a teetotaler taking a double shot of straight Scotch--it did make me wonder if they were right in their accusations and methods.

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In mentioning this organization to the president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers (I am also a member of the state Board of Managers of this group, and held a similar position in Kansas before we moved to Oregon), I discovered that at the recent Board of Managers meeting of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, a warning to beware of this group had been issued. I wrote to the National P.T.A. office and asked for the source of their information about the John K. Birch Society, and was sent copies of Jack Mabley's column in the Chicago Daily News for July 25, 26, 30, and September 13.

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In these columns, Mr. Mabley denounces "a 302-page, black paperbound book" written by Robert Welch (founder of the Society), titled, "The Politician." Mr. Mabley states that this book "accuses President Eisenhower of treason"... "flatly calls him a Communist, and for 302 pages attempts to document the charge." He further calls the book, "fantastic" and "incredible." In another column he quotes Welch as having written in the September Bulletin (which goes to all members of the Society): "Join you local PTA at the beginning of this school year, get your conservative friends to do likewise, and go to work to take it over." These columns are headed, "BARES SECRETS OF RED-HATERS," "STRANGE THREAT TO DEMOCRACY,"JOHN BIRCH OUT AFTER PTAs."

I have written for copies of both this September Bulletin and the 302-page book so that I can interpret Mr. Welch's statements, particularly concerning the PTAs, for myself; I have questioned everyone I know who has heard of this Birch Society--including a man who ran an R & I check on Robert Welch and said he found nothing suspicious. Now I am asking you: is this an organization that is in disfavor as far as your knowledge is concerned? I know it is in disfavor with socialistically inclined liberals. But I certainly would not want to champion an organization--or allign my thinking with it--if it were actually undermining the very tenets I am so stubbornly defending.

There are further reasons for my confusion.

Just three days ago our local paper printed a lengthy article based on your report, evidently just released, about the Communist exploitation and manipulation of youth and student groups throughout the world; in the same issue was a full page announcement of the pamphlet, "Ideology and Co-Existence," printed by the Moral Re-Armament group, which we would be receiving in the mail--followed two days later by my receipt of it.

All of these articles impress any thinking adult with the urgency for action. Because PTA has as its sole concern, so stated in its Objects, the welfare of children and youth, it should be vitally concerned in combating Communism; yet if I stand up at our next Board meeting November 15th and tell our state congress that perhaps they should investigate the charges against the John K. Birch Society before they dogmatically condemn it, I will undoubtedly be thought to be antagonistic to the National PTA, if not worse.*

When Mr. Welch speaks out, even though even in Jack Mabley's words he is "an acknowledged, sincere and rabid anti-Communist," the press writes headlines like those quoted above--which imply that it is something disgraceful, even treasonous, to be against Communism! It almost makes one give credence to Mr. Welch's statement that the press is controlled by Communists.

Another example. In this morning's Oregonian, it is reported that four arrests have been made, on "political-criminal libel" indictments, of persons who are alleged to have issued handbills attacking Monroe Sweetland, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, as being connected with various Socialist and Communist front organizations--which he denies. In reporting these arrests, the Oregonian states, "two of the seven"(indicted) ...are Louise Gronnert, long identified in Oregon as an anti-Communist leader and Claude G. Pike, religious leader who has campaigned against Communism over station KGON."

*--notwithstanding the statement in the Moral Re-Armament pamphlet that one dictate of the Communist party strategy for the U.S. is to put Communists "into neighborhood associations (Parent-Teacher Associations, etc.)".

JOHN R. BOE, M. D.
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The dilemma I am trying to outline is this: one of the avowed techniques of Communist brainwashing is to make every man an island within himself--to make him distrust everyone; yet if a person accepts everyone's actions without question and at face value, in good faith, I am sure that person is guilty of not recognizing some Communists--since they are so diabolically clever at presenting a very good face value! Then if one does speak out, and questions the motives and convictions of specific individuals, he is running the risk of being indicted for libel, or at best being considered a fanatic by those who say that "we mustn't allow our fear of Communism to cause us to listen to people who, in fighting Communism, will do more damage to our ideals and our 'democracy' and our wonderful American feeling of 'brotherhood' than would the Communists themselves." *

To further add to my confusion--in a way that, if it weren't so serious, would be hilarious!--I am also the President of the League of Women Voters of Grants Pass, an organization which I am told is infiltrated by Communists at the national level.

So I am asking for help. In what way can a sincere and concerned individual be of most help in fighting Communism? How can he be most effective?

Being a devout Episcopalian, I have even discussed the religious aspects of this dilemma with our parish priest. Being the wife of a professional man in a small town, I am concerned with being effective and morally honest without being damaging to my family's welfare. But also, being the 40 year old mother of two teen-aged daughters, I am soberly and vigilantly concerned over the future of this country.

I do sincerely hope you will look upon this lengthy outpouring as being an expression of the baffling confusion that exists in the minds of so many people today, and that you will be able to give some direction to our willing--but baffled--intent.

Most earnestly,

Mrs. John R. Boe

Mrs. John R. Boe
1144 N. E. Beacon Drive
Grants Pass, Oregon

*--and then one wonders if these people, who in a sense actually promote Communism by making the task of the anti-Communist more difficult, say such things with studied intent or through misguided ignorance.

1 - Mr. Farrow

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated November 4, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I have noted your kind comments and I trust that the work of this Bureau will continue to merit your support.

All patriotic Americans can aid the FBI in carrying out its responsibilities in the internal security field by promptly furnishing any information of a subversive nature coming to their attention.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material on this topic which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and desires to make sure that it is not in any way connected with communism. She states "Please let us know how we can best help to keep the F.B.I. an effective force." She thanks the Director for his fight against the communist menace. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning correspondent.

The John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration.
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The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."
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3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."

November 4, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir,

Recently I have become interested in the John Birch Society. I am wondering if you could give me any information pertaining to the reliability of this group. It is my intention to give as much support and recruiting as I possibly can to some such organization, therefore, I would like to be certain of the intentions and loyalties of any group before joining.

I have read The Blue Book, which seems to have a very positive program, and is of greatest interest to me, but perhaps you know of another organization which is doing more to combat Communism and the increasing Socialism in America. If so, I would appreciate, very much, any information you might give me.

Thank you very much for any comments you might have on any portion of this book, or other information.

Our thanks also for the personal fight you and your organization are making on the Communist menace in our country. Please let us know how we can best help to keep the F.B.I. an effective force.

Sincerely,

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Phoenix, Arizona

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 8, 1960, has been received, and your interest in the welfare of our Nation is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of assistance, the FBI has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this group by the FBI.

In view of your interest, enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's 10-18-60 speech
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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch and is purported to be an anticommunist group. We have conducted no investigation regarding this group.

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Amarillo, Texas

Nov. 8, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Inves.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a young man deeply concerned about my country. It is my desire to do something beneficial in fighting communist influences. Recently, someone told me about the "John Birch Society" and what they are trying to do. It all sounds very good but I would like to be sure that this organization is headed by the proper type of people.

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I would appreciate it if you would advise me of any information you might have on this group.

Yours very truly

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

I am unable to offer a source where you may obtain the information you are seeking. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society founded by Robert Welch is alleged to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding them.
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This short letter of inquiry--from the stand point of personal interest--is very important.

A group of local citizens have begun to organize chapters of the "John Birch Society" here. Some of my friends have been asked to join, and I have been solicited to join. I have written to the Catholic Freedom Foundation for informtn--They recommend that chapters be established in local areas--there chapters are designed to do "anti-subversive" work.

When Sen. Goldwater visited Amarillo, some of those that are interested ask him if he knew of the Society. I am told he did know of it and approves of it.

Lately, I have heard some adverse opinions of this society--That is--in a manner that would make one actually resent the organization--doubt its motives & distrust its members. Will you--or one of your personnel--let me hear from you regarding this organization? Or, if you are not in a position to, or cannot let me know, will you tell me where I might get information on its members (those who are organizing the society)

If it can do what I am told it is designed to do, I am for it 100%--but I need (as do some of my friends) some place to seek needed information before we get into some thing we might regret. If you need more information from here, let me know what it would be, other wise, may I hear from you before their meeting early in December. I should like to be in a position to make a decision at that time.

Very Sincerly yours

/s/ [redacted]

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Amarillo, Texas
November 7, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: John Birch Society

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A group of local citizens have begun to organize chapters of the "John Birch Society" here. Some of my friends have been asked to join, and I have been solicited to join. I have written to the

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When Sen. Gillmartin visited Amarillo, some of those that are interested ask him if he knew of the Society. I am told he did know of it and approves of it.

Lately, I have heard some adverse opinions of this society - that is - in a manner that would make one actually resent the organization - doubt its motives & distrust its members.

Will you - or one of your personal - let me hear from you regarding this organization? Or, if you are not in a position to, or cannot let me know, will you tell me where I might get information on its member (those who are organizing the society)

If it can do what I am told it is designed to do, I am for it 100% — but I need (as do some of my friends) some place to seek needed information before we get into something we might regret.

If you need more information from here, let me know what it would be, other wise, may I hear from you before their meeting early in December. I should like to be in a position to make a decision at that time.

Very sincerely yours

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Midland, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of November 9, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Midland, Tex.
Nov. 9, 1960.

Dear Sirs:

At the moment I am considering joining the John Birch Society.

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It is headed by one Robert Welch of Belmont, Mass. What I have seen of the literature seems to me to be perfectly all right. But several of my friends suspect this of being a subversive organization.

Would you please let me know your own findings on this organization.

Thank you -

/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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Would you please let me know your feelings on this organization. Thank you —

Mrs.

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Miss [redacted]
Rogers Park Hotel
6807 Sheridan Road
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Miss [redacted]

Your letter of November 12, 1960, has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you in connection with the organization about which you inquired, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau but this should not be construed as clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's Speech before annual Conference of International Association of Chiefs of Police in Washington, D.C., 10-3-60.
Director's Speech before The American Legion, Miami Beach, Florida, 10-18-60
March 1960 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Target--Youth
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. She enclosed with her letter a slip of paper which appeared to be the masthead of "The Independent American," listing Kent Courtney as publisher and Phoebe Courtney as editor. Bufiles contain no identifiable data of a subversive or derogatory nature concerning Kent Courtney or Phoebe Courtney. He is connected with "The Independent American," formerly known as "Free Men Speak." The publication is allegedly dedicated to the defeat of socialist and communist influences and to promote the cause of individuals and organizations which believe that a political party based on constitutional states rights is the answer to socialism. Neither Courtney nor his publication has been investigated by the Bureau.

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

November 12, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
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Miss Gandy

Gentlemen; [redacted] New Orleans 18,

Last week I caught what I considered an extremely informative and intelligent radio speech by the Publisher of the INDEPENDENT AMERICAN who solicited listeners to write him for more information. This I did.

I had a most cordial letter from Mr. Kent Courtney, Publisher, acquainting me with the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY which he informed me was a 'national network of tightly knit organized citizen study groups who take political action.' The address of this organization was not given me in his letter but I have requested same.

He also added - 'if you are interested in joining an anti-communist study group I will send you the name of their national organizer.' which I also requested.

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As an American Citizen I am interested in promoting the best interests of my country; but I want to make absolutely sure that all the above are dedicated to the same principles and not cover-ups for insidious groups.

Your advise in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Naturally any information I have herewith given you is confidential and I request that my name be kept out of any investigations you may make in checking all the above.

I await your reply.

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PUBLISHER

THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN

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EDITOR

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WICHITA [redacted], KANSAS

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEGRAM NOVEMBER ONE EIGHT, THE FBI HAS NOT INVESTIGATED GROUP NAMED. PLEASE DO NOT CONSIDER THIS CLEARANCE OR NONCLEARANCE.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives.

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cc: Mr. DeLoach

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November 21, 1960

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Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of November 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am interested in joining the John Birch Society in Amarillo, Texas. After checking into this organization locally, and from all outward appearances this society seems to be working for a good American cause. Please advise me as to the status of this organization, whether subversive or not, as I will not join until I have checked into its activities to the best of my ability.

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Amarillo, Texas

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November 18, 1960

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked November 9, 1960, has been received, and your generous comments are appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. In view of your interest, enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism.

With regard to your inquiry pertaining to the reprint of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, may I suggest that you correspond with this body at 225 Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C., in this respect.

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Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate a prior letter from correspondent dated 5-9-59 to the American Friends Service Community, Pasadena, California, which was

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NOTE CONTINUED: a copy. This letter was not acknowledged as it was not addressed to us. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

From the study of [redacted]

[redacted]
Lemon Grove, Calif

Telephone [redacted]

November7, 1960

Mr J Edgar Hoover,
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

There fell into my hands, from separate sources on almost the same day, the Blue Book of the John Birch Spciety, Belmont 78, Mass (also their June bulletin) and a reprint of an interview by staff members of the Committee on Un-American Activities with Dr F C Schwarz of Australia on May 29, 1957.

The latter impresses me greatly but seems too long and too technical for general use. Has any brief synopsis pf this been issued and circulated?

The Blue Book mentioned has many good points but there are some things I cannot go along with; especially criticisms of Dulles, Herter, Esisenhpwer, Nixon and all of Foreign Aid, also the dictatpr attitude of Robert Welch. Can you give me fuller details of this movement?

I am a Friends Minister, retired, a pacifist (pax - facere) but most definitely not a passivist as some Quakers have become. I am against aetheist communism with all my heart.

I am grateful for what you are doing: I have your book "Master of Deceit".7

Gratefulkly yours,

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